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THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1954

Facts About Palmer

Settled	1716
Incorporated	1776
Location	About 15 miles east of Springfield, on U. S. Route 20.
Highest elevation	Mt. Pattaquattic, 1080 feet
Population	9570 (Federal Census of 1950)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$45 per thousand, plus the following Fire District tax rates: Precinct A, \$6.00, precinct B, \$11.00, precinct C, \$8.00, precinct D, \$8.00.
Number of Dwellings	Approximately 1874
Property Valuation	Approximately \$9,153,715
Area	Approximately 18,500 acres
Streets and Highways	About 150 miles
Public Schools	Two elementary schools at Palmer, one each at Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, High School at Palmer
Fire Protection	Fire Stations at Walnut St., Palmer, Main St., Three Rivers and Cross St., Bondsville.
Police	Well-established and equipped department under James F. Donahue, chief. Telephone 287.
Recreational Facilities	Legion Field (athletic), Eager Playground, Burleigh Park (and swimming pool), plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common and Thorndike Grammar School.
Public Library	Central Street, Palmer, with branch libraries at Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville.

Governmental Districts and Representatives for the Town of Palmer

Third Congressional District

Seventh Councillor District

Worcester and Hampden Senatorial District

First Hampden Representative District

United States Senators

Leverett Saltonstall, Newton
John F. Kennedy, Boston

Representative in Congress

Philip J. Philbin, Clinton

Councillor

Gabriel G. Morze

State Senator

Richard F. Treadway, Sturbridge

Representatives in General Court

Raymond H. Beach, Wilbraham
George T. Smith, East Longmeadow

County Commissioners

Ralph P. Walsh, Longmeadow
Thomas F. Sullivan, Springfield
William F. Stapleton, Holyoke

District Attorney

Stephen A. Moynahan, Springfield

Annual Town Meeting

February 8, 1954

Town Officers --- 1953

Town Clerk

JOHN T. BROWN

Term expires 1954

Town Treasurer, 1 year
ROBERT L. McDONALD

Collector of Taxes, 1 year
JOHN T. BROWN

Selectmen, 1 year

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI, Chairman	
HERBERT W. BISHOP	GEORGE B. CHENEY

Assessors

ALVIN C. RONDEAU, Chairman	Term expires 1956
WILLIAM A. COULTER	Term expires 1954
JOSEPH S. GILL	Term expires 1955

Board of Public Welfare

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE, Chairman	Term expires 1956
GEORGE E. CALLAHAN	Term expires 1954
JOHN K. MCKENZIE	Term expires 1955

***Auditors, 1 year**
JOHN D. ALDRICH

GARTON J. QUIMBY	MILTON J. WOOD
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Tree Warden, 1 year
WALTER H. CAMBO, Jr.

Constables, 1 year

WILLIAM E. HOLT	ELTON P. L. LaDUKE
WILLIAM B. MACE	WILFRED J. MARCHAND
STEPHEN J. SALAMON	

*At a special town meeting held on June 8, 1953 it was voted,
"That the town abolish the offices of town auditors and the
selectmen be and they are hereby authorized to appoint a town
accountant under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 55 of the
General Laws".

School Committee

DAVITT M. ROONEY, Chairman	Term expires 1955
GARRETT P. CAVANAUGH	Term expires 1954
STANLEY W. WISNEWSKI	Term expires 1954
STANLEY J. GILL	Term expires 1956
PAUL HEINE, Jr.	Term expires 1956

Board of Health

JAMES J. KANE, Chairman	Term expires 1955
RICHARD J. HUNT, M.D.	Term expires 1954
WILLIAM J. BERNAT	Term expires 1956

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE S. GAY, Chairman	Term expires 1956
WILLIAM R. FAULKNER	Term expires 1954
ROBERT C. BRAINERD	Term expires 1955

License Commissioners, 1 year

ROBERT D. SWAIN, Chairman	
PETER E. PAPPAS	JOSEPH J. PAPUZENSKI

Planning Board

TIMOTHY D. CRIMMINS, Chairman	Term expires 1958
FRANCIS R. SINERVO	Term expires 1954
MICHAEL R. SULLIVAN	Term expires 1954
FRANCIS J. LONGTINE	Term expires 1955
A. ELLIS SULLIVAN	Term expires 1956
CLEOPHAS R. POTVIN	Term expires 1957

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board organized for the year with Peter F. Warakomski, Chairman, Herbert W. Bishop, Clerk and George B. Cheney, third member.

Various highway projects approved at the annual meeting and under control of the Selectmen were carried through to completion with the exception of a few road improvement projects which could not be completed before the end of the year. These projects will be completed as soon as weather permits.

At the annual meeting the voters approved Chapter 90 projects totalling \$32,050 for the improvement of Palmer Road, Three Rivers, Springfield Street, Three Rivers and Commercial Street, Thorndike. However, work on these projects was postponed by the State and County due to the construction of the Church Street Bridge, Thorndike, the cost of which exhausted the State and County Chapter 90 allotments for the year. The Board has received advice from the State Department of Public Works that work on the Springfield Street and Commercial Street projects have been approved for 1954 at a cost of \$26,000.

During the year the old highway garage on North Main Street was sold and contracts let for the construction of a new highway garage on town owned land on Depot Street. Construction has been completed and the Highway Department is now at the new location.

Memorial Hall on Central Street was returned to control of the Selectmen and considerable redecorating and repairs were completed during the year. Arrangements for rentals can now be made through the Selectmen's office.

A World War II Memorial was erected at a site on Converse Street adjacent to the High School and was dedicated on November 15 with appropriate ceremonies.

The Board wishes to express its thanks to the various town departments for cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI
HERBERT W. BISHOP
GEORGE B. CHENEY

1953 Town Clerk's Report

The following dog licenses were issued during the year ending December 31, 1953:

Males	532
Females	112
Spayed Females	219
Kennel	12

* Free Licenses:

Males	4
Females	1
Spayed Females	3
Total	883

Paid to Town Treasurer during 1953 \$2,022.00

* for dogs whose owners were in military or naval service.

The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Number of births	323
Number of marriages	163
Number of deaths	139

JOHN T. BROWN

Town Clerk

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VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once, and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should also know that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in after life.

Births 1953

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
January		
1	Donald Bennett Asquith	David J. and Emma C.
2	David John Askins	John M. and Alma M.
3	Susan Marie Olander	Stanley B. and Mary C.
4	Beverly Louise Carapelle	George A. and Edna V.
5	Richard Frank Cantwell, Jr.	Richard F. and Leona S.
5	Richard Gary Raymond	Winfred W. and Helen M.
6	Alan Dwight Cole	Robert and Martha
6	Amos Raymond Jette, Jr.	Amos R. and Elsie R.
7	Robert Marshall DeLand	George H. and Mildred L.
7	Robin Warren DeLand	George H. and Mildred L.
8	Mark Stuart Nicholas	George and Cecelia A.
8	Sharon Ann Reim	Donald F. and Evelyn H.
8	Ronald Gary Roy	Roland J. and Barbara J.
10	Michael Dan Ablicki	Leopold M. and Genevieve M.
11	Roberta Lee Silliker	Frederic A. and Georgette
13	Denise Irene Coache	Armand O. and Sandra G.
13	Linda Jean Geddes	James L. and Marjorie C.
14	Pamela Jean Furgal	Martin W. and Rose K.
14	Michael James Russo, Jr.	Michael J. and Rita E.
15	David Robert Bigos	Robert B. and Demaris S.
15	William Leon Witaszczk	Joseph H. and Lucille H.
16	Marilyn Jane Shynovek	Walter J. and Josephine P.
19	Daniel Bobowicz	Stephen J. and Edna F.
23	Merton Albert Chapin	Merton L. and Nancy T.
24	Patrick Sean Denning	Richard J. and Ruth P.
24	William Templeton Kenyon	William E. and Phyllis R.
26	Frances Chudy	Raymond F. and Sophie W.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
29	Ronald Edward Brodeur	Rao L. and Rita B.
29	Susanne Marie Whalen	John D. and Gertrude H.

February

2	Donna Marie Przedpelski	William F. and Eva T.
2	Sheila Linda Shepard	Earl O. and Mary R.
2	Raymond Michael Sullivan	Jeremiah F. Jr. and Mary E.
2	Francis Joseph Trzepacz	Louis and Edna K.
3	Normand Michael Aucoin	Laurier J. and Grace M.
4	Cole Adam Scott	George A. and Doris M.
5	Gloria Ann Knapp	John R. and Glenna A.
6	Charlene Ann Auclair	Charles E. and Ann M.
8	David Elden Anderson	Frederick C. and Jane
9	Sheral Marie Roy	Robert L. and Shirley M.
10	Stanley John Kusek	Stanley and Audrey P.
10	Linda May Peck	Raymond C. and Barbara M.
11	Glenn Allison Garfield	Charles A. and Mariana A.
11	James Andrew Reeder	Paul R. and Helen M.
12	John Joseph Gorski	Josephi S. and Victoria S.
12	Catherine Rose Rourke	John W. Jr. and Laurette I.
17	Charles Wesley Cross	Malcolm I. Jr. and Ruth H.
21	Christine Thomas	Robert R. and Martha L.
28	Daniel Alan Duval	Roland G. and Doris M.
28	Glenn George Reed	George L. and Elizabeth A.

March

1	Timothy Michael Baer	Richard I. and Priscilla D.
3	John Michael Skonronek	John A. and Eleanor I.
4	Marie Ann Szable	Frank A. and Helen V.
7	Cynthia Jane Hine	Harold E. and Jessie T.
8	Christine Ann Webster	George H. and Mary J.
10	Wayne Earl Henrichon	Earl F. and Betty J.
12	Jacalyn Adria Henrich	William A. Jr. and June E.
12	Richard Thomas Skoczylas	Edward P. and Edith M.
14	Donna Marie Wesson	James N. and Lorraine M.
18	Mary Jane Fenton	John F. Jr. and Miriam E.
18	Kenneth John Jasinski	John P. and Nellie E.
18	Pamela Ann Mercier	Louis J. Jr. and Gertrude A.
18	Floyd Daniel Romanik, Jr.	Floyd Sr. and Catherine A.
19	Lori Anne Vaz	Americo and Genevieve C.
21	Sandra Jane Meacham	Grant L. and Jane A.
21	Raymond Bruce Rebello	Roland A. and Claire E.
22	Bruce George Gustafson	Edward L. and Marion E.
22	Kevin Paul Martin	James R. and Bernice E.
23	Pamela Ann Domey	John F. and Angela D.
23	Joseph Stephen	Stephen A. and Mary E.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
25	Paul John Monat	Noe H. and Lorraine E.
26	Joy Belle Erikson	Walter H. C. and Joyce T.
27	Deborah Ann Mattinson	Robert E. and Margaret E.
29	Christine Beverly Kos	Charles J. and Mary
30	Deborah Locke Colleton	John V. Jr. and Elizabeth L.
30	Joseph Donald Philibotte, Jr.	Joseph D. and Betty L.
31	Mary Ellen Carder	William E. and Stella H.
31	Candace MacLeod	Bruce H. and Irene
April		
1	Treasure Edith Brightman	Charles S. and Martha J.
1	Leroy John Harris	Elmer L. and Margaret S.
1	Lawrence Paul Wallace	Robert E. and Agnes M.
4	Deborah Inez Lenard	Nando E. and Margaret I.
4	Dupont	Richard and Jean
4	Dupont	Richard and Jean
6	Susan Ruth Lamb	Milton R. and Joyce A.
6	Dennis Michael Mansfield	Frederick B. and Pauline M.
7	Linda Helen Matthieu	Aldor E. and Alice B.
8	Ronald Craig Klisiewicz	John and Helen S.
8	Mary Pietryka	Frank and Julia A.
9	Leo Clement Bungle	Leo C. and Eileen M.
10	Geraldine Anne Amprimo	William D. and Anna M.
10	Garabed Arshag Varjabedian	Hovhannes and Agnes
11	George Gilbert Geer	Donald E. and Priscilla
13	Suzanna Frances Pobieglo	Joseph J. and Frances A.
14	Patricia Ann Giza	Stephen and Eileen E.
14	Gary Louis Rock	Louis T. and Lucille C.
15	Lorraine Lysik	Stanley and Nellie P.
20	Christine Ann Gerard	Edward A. and Doris E.
21	Arnold Ernest Christiansen	George A. and Fern M.
21	Gail Leona DePace	Victor L. and Joyce M.
21	Catherine Ada Frey	Ellsworth R. and Mildred L.
21	Joan Clark Harding	John W. Jr. and Miriam L.
21	Karen Ann Swain	Stewart I. and Evelyn G.
22	Sharon Janine Bradley	Charles E. and Eleanor
23	Paul Martin Kaplita	Leopold M. and Marie B.
23	Beatrice Dore Robert	Armand and Amie A.
24	Danny Oliver Beauregard	Oliver A. and Gloria
24	John Frank Halgas Jr.	John F. and Genevieve A.
25	James John Orchulek	Stanley A. and Hedwig C.
26	Karen Jean Ahmed	Alexander and Alice E.
26	Allen Paul Raymond	Paul R. and Dorothy M.
27	Harry Lewis DeBoise	James A. and Ruth M.
27	Mark Timothy Denning	Timothy J. and Margaret J.
27	Ronald Edward Houle	Edward J. and Rita M.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
27	Kathleen Ann Kibbe	Bruce A. and Olena M.
29	Richard Alan Davenport	Floyd L. and Jessie
30	Juanita Louise Arsenault	Frank W. and Evelyn F.
30	Sandra Louise Naglack	Frank E. and Bertha F.
 May		
3	David Charles Smith	Charles E. and Joyce E.
4	Barbara Jean Pierce	Raymond A. and Jeannine I.
4	Francis Lawrence Riel	Francis J. and Alice
5	Janet Ellen Tracy	Henry J. Jr. and Mary J. McNeil
10	Stephen Alan Phifer	Robert J. and Beverly A.
12	Helen Louise Nallett	Gerard J. C. A. and Marie C.
13	Stanley Raymond Klisiewicz	Raymond and Adella D.
14	Mary Todd Hunter	Almon P. Jr. and Mary A.
14	Mary Patricia McGrath	Richard J. and Collina
15	Claudia Ann Couture	Armand N. and Flora E.
17	Gary Paul Silva	Ermindo J. and Lucille M.
19	Philip Opielowski	Stanley S. and Stephanie B.
19	Chester David Palmer	Harole D. and Dorothy E.
19	Raymond Adam Soltys	Adam S. and Stella M.
20	Edwin Stanley Gula Jr.	Edwin S. and Alice C.
21	Peter Galica	Stanley S. and Frances E.
24	Richard Vincent Larios	Anthony E. and Helen A.
25	Clifford John Holt	Clifford E. and Helen S.
25	Richard Edward Tourville	Richard C. and Virginia M.
26	Deborah Audrey Wright	Kenneth I. and Geraldine J.
28	Nancy Ann Lavallee	Robert G. and Wilma A.
 June		
1	Patricia Eileen Majka	Rudolph J. and Sophie
1	Carolyn Ann Zajac	Frank M. and Annie H.
6	Diana Shirley Ziembra	Mathew J. and Florence C.
7	Michael Jan Boyko	Jan M. and Euphemia A.
11	Richmond Emerson Young, 3rd	Richmond E. Jr. and Edith A.
12	Dorothy Olivia Tenczar	Edward J. and Jeannette L.
13	Debra Ann Gomes	Americo and Emily
13	Richard Douglas Hermanson	Harold E. and Carolyn R.
14	Robert Joseph Renaud	Philippe L. and Elaine
14	John Louis Sasur	John L. and Maxine J.
16	Sharon Marie Ahern	Robert F. and Alice M.
18	Richard Edward Guzik	Frederick J. and Wanda H.
18	Elaine Frances Maus	William H. and Catherine
18	Jacquelyn Arlene Shorette	Leroy A. Jr. and Arlene F.
20	Cynthia June Noga	Stanley H. and Stephanie
20	Catherine Roman	Anthony V. and Margaret E.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
25	Diane Jean Artruc	Ernest E. and Imogene R.
26	David Paul Chaffee	Charles H. and Lorraine A.
26	George William Lyons	Robert A. and Florence E.
26	Zigmund Sieczkowski	Florian E. and Filomenia F.
27	Sheila Mae Hermanson	Ernest W. and Edith L.
27	Laura Jane Moore	Charles B. and Jeanne M.
28	Paul Szaban	Stephen J. and Ida E.
29	Nancy Jane Geer	Robert E. and Mary L.
29	Mitchell Paul Gula	Stanley J. and Helen M.
July		
2	James Kenneth Blodgett	William G. and Elaine M.
2	Gary Donald Rondeau	Donald T. and Ida-Mae T.
4	Dolores Madeline Ridz	Stanley and Florence M.
11	Frank Szostek	Edward J. and Stephanie M.
15	Gail Ruth Carrington	Clarence A. Jr. and Ruth G.
15	Alvin Herbert Richmond Jr.	Alvin H. and Ellen C.
15	Jay Robert Costa	John J. and Thelma M.
15	Edward Francis Pytka, Jr.	Edward F. and Catherine M.
16	Margaret Burns	Cedric F. and Edna D.
18	Joseph Eugene Killian	Edward J. and Marjorie E.
19	Wallace Joseph Roberts Jr.	Wallace J. and Doris W.
20	Thomas Stanley Dziura	Stanley M. and Wanda A.
20	William Earl Nothe	Walter H. and Hazel V.
20	Wendy Lee Story	Herbert Jr. and Elizabeth L.
21	Mary Rachel Holbrook	Charles D. and Barbara
23	Brenda Ann Moynahan	Ralph E. and Evelyn M.
24	Franklin Edward Alden	Merton F. Jr. and Alice M.
25	David Craig Silvius	Charles K. and Vera A.
25	Susan Amy Smith	Harley L. and Mary I.
26	John Marciniec	Emil S. and Irene M.
28	Elaine Alice Brosnan	Daniel A. and Albertine R.
29	Robert Evan Branham III	Robert E. Jr. and Pearl C.
30	Richard Edward Pardo	Edward and Irene E.
31	Virginia Ann Felton	David A. and Shirley E.
31	Wayne Scott Sanford	Harry B. and Dorothy E.
August		
1	Karl Norman Olson	Frederick C. and Nellie F.
4	David Michael Chambers	Eldon O. and Gene M.
5	Karen Elizabeth Johnson	David E. and Genevieve J.
5	Bruce Walter King	Walter F. and Wilhelminia M.
9	Philip Michael Paul	Norman A. and Angela R.
10	Douglas Alan Carpenter	Ernest C. and Beverly A.
12	Allen Myron Sibley, Jr.	Allen M. and Barbara E.
14	Theresa Ann Serrato	Albert J. and Elizabeth M.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD
15	Ronald Edward Swiderski
18	Debra Ann Bernier
18	Gary Sherman Galas
19	James Ritchie Auclair
20	Barbara Joyee Darling
22	Linda Joyce Smith
23	Theresa Marie Woffenden
24	Sheila Lee McCollom
25	Daniel Francis Shea
29	Susan Ann Mullen
29	Christine Viola Woodman
31	Larry J. Jandrow
31	Christopher D. Newland

PARENTS

Edward J. and Jane T.
Adelard E. Jr. and Joan M.
Albion H. and Marian M.
William J. and Gertrude E.
Robert G. and Joyce B.
George E. and Dorothy H.
George S. and Helen M.
Frederick L. Jr. and June R.
Daniel P. and Lucille E.
Kenneth H. and Therese M.
Franklin K. and Opal M.
Edmund L. and Lucy A.
William J. and Mary I.

September

4	LaVerne Veronica Dorval
4	Paul Robert Courchesne
6	Dennis Michael Czech
7	Timothy John O'Connor
7	Susan Martha Piechota
9	Diane Kathy Szostek
10	Winifred Louise Austin
11	Kathleen Mary Ahearn
11	Justina Wrona
13	Richard Frederick Dion
13	Patricia Ann Laamanen
16	Ellen Alice Coolong
20	Gerald Alfred Nichols
22	Lynn Laura Coolong
22	Arthur Thomas Gauthier
23	Deborah Anne Branciforte
23	Joanne Hryniwicz
24	Suzanne Adele Boudriault
26	Richard Dennis Bergeron
27	Deborah Ann Kulpa
27	Linda Ann Ramadon
28	Elizabeth Susan Sekula
28	Diane Catherine Skomro
30	Mary Ann Grzywna

Ralph G. and Anna V.
Joseph L. and June R.
Edward and Frances C.
Michael J. and Shirley B.
Frederick W. and Alice A.
Louis W. and Ann C.
John T. and Mary R.
John R. and Jean G.
Edward J. and Albina I.
Edward E. and Marjorie E.
William W. and Alice E.
Robert J. Sr. and Sylvia A.
Alfred A. and Christine
Joseph J. and Florence A.
Louis R. and Flore E.
John T. and Helena E.
Edward J. and Edna R.
Leonard R. and Jacqueline M.
Maurice W. and Tarsylla H.
Edward J. and Grace P. I.
Charles A. and Claire M.
Rudolph P. and Helen M.
Theodore and Irene C.
Boguslaus S. and Helen V.

October

1	Daniel Adney Mack
2	Phillip Edward LaGasse
3	Christopher James Donovan
3	Victor Frank Sawicki
4	Karen Louise Duffy

Charles E. and Lillian E.
Robert E. and Noreen M.
James T. and Margaret M.
Alexander F. and Frances J.
James W. and Gladys

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
4	Denise Charlene Fontaine	Richard E. and Irene R.
4	Doreen Elizabeth Smith	Charles A. Jr. and Ethel
5	Randall Arthur Girard	Victor R. and Doris L.
6	Marshall Porter Swanson	George M. and Winifred M. A.
7	Michael Demitrius Korsak	John S. and Dorothy A.
7	John Walter Lizak, Jr.	John W. and Gloria A.
10	Richard Stanley Noble	Stanley L. and Anna S.
12	Charles Frederic Dingman	Gerald F. and A. Katharine
13	Richard David Leveille	Archie E. and Leona F.
14	Debora Ann Murphy	Michael J. and Rita M.
17	Frank Earlde House, Jr.	Frank E. and Catherine J.
22	Robert Woodburn Cole	Alton J. Jr. and Gertrude J.
22	Janice Ann Roy	William E. and Helen T.
27	John Lawrence Bigda	William J. and Sabina T.
27	Suzanne Grimes	John M. and Arlene
27	Marilyn Lee Plante	Leon R. Sr. and Madeline G.
27	Diane Marie Venne	Francis H. and Jeanette M.
29	Stephen Michael Billeter	Reynold A. and Helen M.
29	Mark William DuComb	George W. and Catherine M.
29	Lynn Louise Schardl	Frank J. and Evelyn L.

November

2	Cynthia Ann Christman	George W. Jr. and Ethel
4	Anthony Joseph Fila	Edwin J. and Joan M. R.
5	Maureen Ruth Herlihy	Herbert C. and Adeline M.
5	Mark Alan Nash	Richard M. and Lillian
6	Gunnar Carl Hermanson	Gunnar A. and Phyllis M.
7	Donald Scott McCormack	Donald and Janet C.
7	Paul Richard Webster	Ethelbert J. Jr. and Edith M.
8	Elizabeth Jean Gondek	Edward J. and Irene H.
9	William Mark Santucci	Leo J. and Gloria M.
15	Bruce Edward Chaffee	Robert E. and Barbara E.
15	Jerry Ralph Diesi	Joseph J. and Veronica M.
16	Edna Rose Brothers	William N. and Margaret L.
17	Nancy Ann Haley	John E. and Patricia M.
17	Kurt Lee Maxwell	Raymond B. and Ann L.
18	Alan Edward Sherman	John L. and Pia E.
21	Catherine Mary Marhelewickz	Chester J. and Alice M.
23	Cynthia Ann Witek	Frank J. and Katherine I.
24	Thomas David Cummings	Robert J. and Elizabeth E.
25	Linda Susan Cholewa	Joseph F. and Emily T.
27	Debra Ann Szanderowski	Stanley J. and Bernadette L.
28	Paul Michael Murphy	John D. and Ellen A.
29	Edmund Harold Beaulieu	Sidney J. and Julia M.
29	Michael Francis Golas	Frank P. and Jane E.
30	James Theodore Skowyra	Theodore W. and Mary M.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
December		
1	John Alden Talmadge Jr.	John A. Sr. and Bernice I.
4	Peter Donald Hull	John E. and Angela C.
4	Kenneth John Tysienski	John S. and Emma R.
5	John George Germain	John H. and Claire E.
5	Chester George Motyka Jr.	Chester G. and Elsie V.
8	Janice Beth McCaughey	John D. and Barbara J.
8	Michael Dean Sibley	Arnold M. and Esther R.
9	Patricia Ann Kulis	Stanley P. and Nellie L.
10	Deborah Kathleen Peffer	Walter L. and Gurlena A.
11	Anthony Alfred Gola	Alfred G. and Matilda
11	Bruce Edward Harris	Edward D. and Joan V.
12	Paul Charles Graveline	Eugene R. and Monica J.
12	Debra Ann Mowduk	Stanley F. and Mary A.
12	Frank John Tomaszewski	Joseph and Clothilda S.
14	Pamela Joan Desmarais	Marcel A. and Mable I.
14	Susan Elizabeth Hunt	Frederick T. Jr. and Alice F.
15	Margaret Ellen Dunlop	Gilbert and Mary L.
15	Richard Joseph Karetz	Joseph L. and Sophie
15	Cynthia Ann Boudreau	Roger G. and Lucille I.
16	Nancy Joyce Bishop	Robert B. and Irene M.
22	Ralph Edward Aiken	John I. and Marjorie D.
22	Paul Bradley Lovell	Clarence B. and Elsie M.
24	Wendy Ann Beausoleil	Donald R. and Constance
24	Michael George Chopyk	John and Irene
26	Regina Mary Gula	Milton J. and Catherine P.
27	Cynthia Gail Prouty	Frank Jr. and Emily B.
27	Barbara Anne Topor	John J. and Josephine A.
30	Brenda Joyce Brothers	Ernest L. and Lucille A.
31	Elizabeth Scovera	Walter J. and Mary R.

Marriages 1953

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
January				
3	Francis T. Morris	Palmer	Jennie E. Byoreck	Palmer
10	Reynold A. Billeter	Holdrege, Neb.	Helen M. Bigda	Palmer
10	Benjamin Schneider	Monson	Rita M. MacDonald	Palmer
17	Chester A. Baldiga, Jr.	Springfield	F. Mildred Gondek	Palmer
17	Ellsworth R. Dustin	Palmer	Julia M. Filamonte	Springfield
17	Walter E. McMahon, Jr.	Ware	Dorothy R. Sullivan	Palmer
24	John J. Nikodem	Palmer	Josephine A. Czech	Belchertown
24	Eugene H. Richards	Palmer	Sylvia C. Hebert	Southbridge
24	Homer B. Allen, Jr.	Palmer	Mafalda M. Passerini	
				Enfield, Ct.
February				
4	William G. Hurrinus	Palmer	Rose E. M. Touponce	Palmer
7	Chester H. Urban	Ware	Evelyn M. Brochu	Palmer
11	Stanley S. Obrzut	Wilbraham	Lillie R. Lawrence	Palmer
14	Rudolph S. Kroll	Palmer	Theresa M. Perron	Warren
14	Charles W. Lockwood	Palmer	Jean S. Fountain	Palmer
14	John S. Majka	Palmer	Mary A. Guzik	Springfield
24	Everett C. Kenyon	Palmer	Mary L. Whitcomb	Charlton
March				
7	Fred W. Amos	Milton, Fla.	B. Doris Kartz	Palmer
14	Robert F. Lindsey	Springfield	Lois M. Greene	West Springfield
16	Herman C. Savoy	Springfield	Ramona G. Johnson	Springfield
18	Arnold C. Weller	Worcester	Virginia M. George	Worcester
19	Nicholas R. Auclair	Springfield	Vivian M. Jacques	Springfield
28	Austin K. Harris, Jr.	Hampden	Ruth E. Johnson	Palmer
28	John Sanderson	West Springfield	Dorothy E. Deres	West Springfield
30	Anthony F. Marino	Port Chester, N. Y.	Barbara E. Pascale	Palmer

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
April				
4	Ernest C. Chaloux	Springfield	Gladys M. Parent	Springfield
4	William L. Cherry	Columbia, Tenn.	Arlene J. Nichols	Monson
6	Edmond A. LeBeau	Palmer	Jean A. Shumway	Belchertown
6	Roger W. Roy	Palmer	Paula L. Heine	Palmer
11	Phillips D. Baker	Springfield	Sophie L. Trzcienski	Palmer
11	Alexander S. Piechota	Palmer	Jeanne V. Lavallee	Ware
11	James R. Pierce	Palmer	Dorothy M. Crowther	Palmer
11	Martin M. Wilk	Palmer	Dorothy A. Brown	Palmer
18	Fred Silvers	Palmer	Jeannette E. Thomas	Palmer
19	Fred W. Merrill	Palmer	Esther A. Corey	Palmer
25	Ronald L. Croft, Jr.	Springfield	Michelina DeMaio	Springfield
25	Adnah A. French	Stafford, Ct.	Wanda A. Majka	Palmer
25	Lyman E. Simpson	Springfield	Diane J. Timms	Palmer
26	Louis H. Naimey	Chicopee	Jeannine McCoy	Chicopee
27	William Dougherty	Springfield	Ann L. Blanchard	Springfield
27	Leo O. Levisay	Payson, Okla.	Carolyn F. Weyant	Springfield
May				
2	Erving J. Chalue	Palmer	Anita M. Marceau	Springfield
2	Earl A. Swanson	Monson	Lenore P. King	Palmer
9	John J. Janulewicz	Palmer	Stasia B. Mosio	Ludlow
9	Peter J. Smigiel	Palmer	Jean M. Robitaille	Ware
16	Stanley W. Dembkowski	Palmer	Ruth D. Coulombe	Ware
16	Frank A. Eberhard	Palmer	Alice E. Couture	Palmer
16	Frank A. Grimaldi	Agawam	Eleanor C. Barlow	W. Springfield
16	Tadeusz Jambora	Palmer	Antonina Gabrys	Palmer
16	Francis M. Joubert	Ware	Stephanie A. Grzywacz	Ware
16	Albert P. Palmere	Palmer	Bernice J. Alden	Belchertown
21	Emil A. Miller	Palmer	Emma S. Dotson	Holyoke
23	Theodore J. Powloka	Ware	Claudette A. LaFave	Palmer
26	Donald Rohan	Ware	Hazel W. Dickey	West Brookfield
30	Thomas E. Nallen	Chicopee	Lillian M. Comfort	Palmer

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
June				
6	Edward J. Baldyga	Palmer	Nancy J. Lachut	Ware
6	Donald W. Ellithorpe	Ludlow	Ellen M. Howe	Palmer
6	Robert E. Mumford	Palmer	Eleanor M. Keroack	Palmer
3	Edwin H. Sanders	Southbridge	Lillian R. Cormier	Palmer
6	Victor Santos	Ludlow	Joyce A. Mikna	Palmer
6	Stanley B. Skutnik	Palmer	Doris E. Pellerin	Ware
6	Henry S. Zajac	Palmer	Stephanie B. Baldyga	Warren
7	Edwin F. Szczepanik	Warren	Dorothy M. Gurski	Palmer
12	Kenneth S. Clark	Palmer	Pearl L. Lamb	Palmer
13	Rudolph B. Wilk	Palmer	Shirley A. Whitman	Warren
18	Alexander R. Sicilia	Hartford, Ct.	Frances Brown	Springfield
19	Richard L. McDonald	Palmer	Shirley A. Fundahn	Palmer
20	Wilbur Cole	Palmer	Dorothy H. Whitney	Warren
20	John F. Hine	Stafford Springs, Ct.	Regina I. Bessette	Rockville, Ct.
22	Robert C. Kirk	Springfield	Evelyn L. Kondret	Springfield
26	James J. Wright	Palmer	Eva E. Bressette	Palmer
27	Normand R. Charette	Chicopee	Janet B. Dulude	Palmer
27	Albert J. Phillipo	Southborough	Phyllis R. Jarosz	Palmer
27	Norman E. Wilson	West Brookfield	Esther M. Iadisernia	Palmer
27	Louis M. Marcinek	Palmer	Elizabeth B. Starzyk	Palmer
July				
1	Joseph H. Zulkiewicz	Ware	Leona S. Ziembra	Warren
2	John E. McKinney	Los Angeles, Cal.	Bertha E. Wheary	Springfield
3	Frank Zisk	Palmer	Mary A. McCabe	Sturbridge
4	Charles A. Johnston	Worcester	Rosalina M. Santos	Palmer
4	James R. Longtine	Palmer	Marilyn J. Harbour	Ware
4	William K. Morrison, Jr.	Palmer	Elizabeth L. Zabik	Palmer
4	Fred Ziwojt	Springfield	Lillian J. Gill	Palmer
4	Frank E. Smola	Palmer	Helen T. Niemiec	Springfield
10	Leroy C. King	Monson	Blanche M. Pierce	Palmer
13	John M. Trzeciak	Palmer	Matilda T. Perkins	Springfield

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
17	Ralph M. Sellers	Baligee, Ala.	Barbara H. Stevens	Charlton
18	Joseph G. DaSilva	Ludlow	Ozina Lambert	Palmer
24	Edward Woods	Newport, R. I.	Marion E. Connor	Palmer
25	Mitchell A. Godek	Palmer	Barbara A. Randall	Palmer
25	Joseph J. Gondek	Palmer	Rose A. Goszkowiec	Springfield
25	Norman J. Lane	Palmer	Mary A. Bacis	South Hadley
25	Stephen S. Muniec	Palmer	Shirley M. Short	Spencer
30	Leonard Grover	Holliston	Eleanor R. Gargan	Ashland

August

1	Robert McKee	Palmer	Anita L. Godbout	Ware
8	Stephen N. Hopkins	Bethel, Ct.	Dorothy E. Joynes	Newtown, Ct.
16	Donald L. Holland	Peace Dale, R. I.	Dorothy May	Springfield
19	Rubin Shafran	North Franklin, Ct.	Helene L. Hast	Willimantic, Ct.
20	George E. Clark	Palmer	Marion E. Dorn	Palmer
21	Leo H. Hubert	Spencer	Leah L. Lyons	Spencer
22	Rudolph J. Kusek	Palmer	Janet Hopkins	Monson
29	Lauren E. Floyd	Palmer	Genevieve M. Gay	Palmer
29	Richard L. Metcalf	Springfield	Sophie D. Dusza	Palmer
29	Philip R. Smith	Palmer	Marie C. Antone	Greenfield

September

5	Donald C. Beers	Palmer	Jacqueline D. MacCarthy	Quincy
5	Bernard J. Mackay	Springfield	Gloria N. Speciale	Springfield
5	Michael S. Szanderowski	Palmer	Ethel I. Paine	Monson
5	Edmund Trzcinski	Palmer	Estelle D. Legare	Ware
5	Chester J. Zisk	Palmer	Helen E. Devanski	Warren
7	Wilfrid L. Dulude	Palmer	Leona L. Potvin	Springfield
7	Albert A. Perrah	Springfield	Rita Y. Tetreault	Springfield
7	Kenneth C. Roberge	Palmer	Dorothy A. Drawec	Palmer
12	Edward F. Wilk	Palmer	Kathleen M. Sukup	Stafford, Ct.
12	Martin F. Zahara	Palmer	Rosemary G. Smith	Palmer
19	Robert J. Coache	Palmer	Lucille A. Morris	Palmer

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
19	Thomas H. Mix	Deerfield, O.	Barbara J. Barrett	Palmer
25	Merwin N. Tober	Springfield	Rae N. Westdal	Bloomfield, Ct.
26	Edward A. Skwirz	Holyoke	Regina J. Mastalerz	Palmer
27	William C. Griswold	East Longmeadow	Louise A. Sabot	East Longmeadow
 October				
2	Lionel R. Rivers	Palmer	Janina Osypka	Palmer
3	Edmund J. Frydryk	Palmer	Mildred T. Wysmutek	Palmer
3	Edward P. Kostreba	Palmer	Ardis M. Kenyon	Monson
6	Thomas L. Santucci	Palmer	Rosemarie Gendron	Wilbraham
9	Odysseus Nicoloulas	Springfield	Mary Bouffides	Palmer
10	Arthur J. Berthiaume	Palmer	Jean L. McDonald	Southbridge
10	Norman S. Loftus	Belchertown	Constance M. Socha	Belchertown
10	Kendrick McKee	Palmer	Jeanne C. DeMaio	Palmer
10	John G. Picking	Monson	Dolores M. Boyd	Monson
10	Edward J. Polanski	Ware	Irene H. Szlosek	Palmer
13	Timothy J. Morrow	Springfield	Patricia J. Mitchell	Springfield
17	Eugene A. Caouette	Palmer	Yvette I. Beauregard	Ware
17	Harold F. Smith	Palmer	Marjorie A. Keith	Palmer
24	Paul F. Biron, Jr.	Sturbridge	Ruth M. Lusty	Palmer
17	Joseph J. Karcz	Palmer	Veronica E. Maslar	Westfield
 November				
7	Thaddeus F. Mastalerz	Palmer	Helena P. Banek	Springfield
7	Arthur G. Renaud	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jane P. Gardner	Cumberland, R. I.
10	Richard J. Melbourne	East Longmeadow	Charlotte A. Williamson	Springfield
14	Neil M. McDonald	Palmer	Leona B. Johnson	Monson
17	David S. Tracht	Warren	Doris E. Lynch	Roxanna, Del.
21	Robert Conner	Ware	Marion I. Guimond	Ware
21	Zygmont Nowak	Ware	Isabelle M. Nowak	New Braintree
21	Joseph A. Pardo, Jr.	Palmer	Jean A. Rogers	Glendale, Calif.

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
21	Metzie J. Sieracki	Springfield	Jennie T. Szpis	Palmer
21	Oscar J. Tremblay	Palmer	Merilda R. Tremblay	Palmer
21	Robert B. West	Rockville, Ct.	Bernice H. Staniszewski	Palmer
23	Frank S. Pobieglo	Palmer	Elizabeth J. Witkos	Hardwick
26	Norbert P. Fauteux	Palmer	Elizabeth A. Coulter	Palmer
26	Philip R. LaBossiere	Palmer	Mary A. Lusty	Palmer
26	Euclide A. Labrecque	Belchertown	Mary A. Bleau	Palmer
26	John W. Nadolski	Palmer	Ann M. Slowick	Palmer
26	Edward F. Strempek	Chicopee	Julia T. Milewski	Palmer
30	John Nagy	Cleveland, Ohio	Mary E. Denette	Holyoke

December

4	Harold V. Dennis, Jr.	Palmer	Patricia A. Kanozek	Palmer
5	Waldemar N. Fritz	Monson	Shirley I. Schofield	Palmer
5	Arthur H. Parker	Palmer	Grace P. Oviatt	Springfield
6	Phillip Berman	Palmer	Blanche Winer	Palmer
6	Stanley R. Mastalerz	Palmer	Jeannette L. Gathro	Palmer
12	Ellsworth A. Church	Palmer	Sybil A. Robinson	Palmer
12	William W. Nicoll, Jr.	Ludlow	Margaret A. Silliker	Palmer
19	David R. Wilson	Ludlow	Elizabeth A. Sibley	Palmer
24	James H. Murray	Palmer	Beatrice E. Philibotte	Palmer
26	Rene A. Piche	Ware	Elsie K. Langer	Palmer
26	John C. Tobin	Monson	Marie M. Beauregard	Palmer

Deaths 1953

DATE	NAME	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
January				
1	Nettie Haynes	88	1	—
5	Elsie A. Marcy	81	5	24
7	Hattie L. Royce	76	10	23
8	Treffle J. LaPalm	60	—	—
11	Rosanna Harnois	85	—	—
13	Ellen Harrington	91	0	18
13	Charles H. Smith	68	1	1
15	Thilda Ross	88	—	—
20	Josephine Piatek	75	—	—
28	Joseph P. Goodreau	64	9	18
29	William H. Laird	87	—	—
February				
1	Addie M. Ezekiel	80	2	25
7	Marie R. Woisard	92	11	27
9	Mary Ridz	71	—	—
10	James A. Gavin	72	4	5
11	James Cuddy	74	11	7
11	Andzyj Ridz	80	—	—
13	Lars G. Wirstrom	86	9	19
14	Eugene A. Choiniere	54	6	16
21	Adolf Bareiss	84	—	—
21	Lawrence Brothers	78	—	—
March				
2	Frank A. Williams	73	4	6
4	Louisa Heintz	81	4	12
11	Mary Zahara	66	—	—
12	Anthony Miceli	71	—	—
16	Vera A. Copeland	70	7	19
19	Alphonse Tousignant	78	10	11
20	Edgar C. Clark	82	9	15
23	Katherine E. Normoyle	76	2	8
26	William H. Riley	82	8	25
April				
5	Valborg W. Peterson	37	—	6
6	Alonzo H. Chaples	77	—	—
9	Hagop Nahabedian	88	4	28
11	John R. Carney	66	—	—

DATE	NAME	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
13	John J. Papuga	75	—	—
13	Katherine R. Price	71	11	20
14	Albert Molnar	60	2	8
15	Charles L. Bacon	61	7	4
20	Maureen F. McCarron	14	4	2
21	Francis G. Laforest	51	5	13
25	Carlos E. Sullivan	59	1	2
26	Ruth Parker	54	10	18
26	Mary E. Woods	77	5	18
27	May Collins	57	10	20

May

1	Ralph A. Manley	53	5	21
1	Ralph L. Senecal	70	8	28
2	James R. Demaio	42	2	28
3	Alan D. Wojnilowicz	2	9	29
5	G. Arthur Gobeille	56	6	28
22	Beatrice L. Dillon	62	7	—
22	Robert J. Wilder	32	4	16
24	Walter J. Graham, Sr.	66	7	28
25	Herman A. LeBeau	57	11	2
26	Cooper S. Robeson	101	3	12

June

5	Mary E. Moran	87	—	—
6	Frances G. McMahon	56	9	4
9	Oscar F. Bressette	65	8	17
11	Albert R. Smith	74	7	30
15	Bernard R. Cantwell Sr.	44	7	27
15	Wilbur D. Gunn	40	5	25
15	Paul C. W. Tietze	79	1	20
19	Lewis Chalk	79	3	29
20	Frank P. Galanski	44	—	—
27	Guy B. Barnes	74	6	13

July

8	Philip E. McTigue	70	11	8
10	Gladys H. Halvorsen	60	8	11
16	George H. Hall	63	6	15
19	Mary Choinski	55	—	—
22	Ruth E. Hockenberry	38	4	6
24	Cleon Valdrow	67	3	15
27	Anna Budzyna	73	—	—
31	Peter T. Duda	61	—	—
31	Daniel V. Fogarty Sr.	73	11	—

DATE	NAME	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
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August

1	Joseph P. Zajk	42	—	—
2	James Brosnan	91	10	—
3	Elizabeth Smith	67	4	16
7	Edmond J. Bibeau	45	—	—
10	Karl N. Olson	—	—	9
14	Zofia A. Topor	74	—	—
15	Joseph H. Masson	50	2	1
15	John A. Tobiasz	66	—	—
16	Napoleon Derosier	72	2	—
17	Dennis J. Collins	64	—	—
22	Juliette M. Wakefield	45	7	9
24	Hattie B. Rich	78	4	19
25	Frances Krystofik	67	—	—
26	Richard D. Hermanson	—	2	13
28	Rose D. Bleau	80	7	7

September

3	Arlia W. Trumble	61	3	14
8	Flora Lamb	64	11	3
10	Martin Cahill	52	—	—
11	Edward Reyor	66	—	—
18	Walter A. Reed	79	11	15
20	Joseph Topor	63	—	—
30	Laura L. MacGowan	1	—	19

October

1	Jessie Stacy	85	2	12
9	Royce M. Ashton	15	9	6
9	Helena Kielbasa	63	—	—
10	Andrew Golonka	62	—	—
10	Wladyslaw Janulewicz	62	—	—
10	William J. Kennedy	65	10	19
11	Walter Zagraniczny	39	10	24
16	Elizabeth Fox	87	—	—
17	Alice Giaquinto	55	4	8
18	Sophia W. Maynard	63	1	21
20	Wilfred A. Nevue	58	1	12
23	John Topor	81	—	—
25	Agnes E. Duggan	69	6	28
26	Regina Kostka	71	—	—
30	Anna Wozniakowski	72	—	—

DATE	NAME	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
November				
1	William P. Lynch	76	—	19
11	Joseph Cichon	75	—	—
13	Norman P. Graham	51	6	4
16	Eudoxcie Potvin	76	3	10
20	Kathrine Krol	65	2	—
20	Wilfred E. Sherman	53	—	22
23	Terence J. O'Donnell	63	—	—
24	Josephine Donahue	86	4	4
24	Daniel H. Splaine	92	10	26
25	Woodbury W. Baston	55	5	14
25	David C. White	10	11	19
26	George F. Tibbets	79	—	—
27	Lewis A. McIntyre	96	—	1
December				
1	Gladys Stanton	55	—	12
2	Eleanor C. Reim	48	7	6
2	Alfred M. Young	76	—	—
7	Carl C. Kennett	49	5	12
11	Margaret McKelligott	82	—	—
12	Mary K. LaBroad	76	4	—
18	Thelma C. Smith	—	9	7
22	Josephine A. Brown	72	—	—
21	Mary C. Cunningham	62	4	6

1953 Tax Collector's Report

ACCOUNT OF 1949

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$179.54
Added to tax titles	2.30
Outstanding December 31, 1953	* 177.24

ACCOUNT OF 1950

Outstanding January 1, 1953	282.62
Abatements	\$138.80
Added to tax titles	2.30
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	141.10
Outstanding December 31, 1953	* 141.52

ACCOUNT OF 1951

Outstanding January 1, 1953	970.38
Interest and demands	31.62
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	1,002.00
Paid Treasurer	514.88
Abatements	186.40
Added to tax titles	2.15
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	702.93
Outstanding December 31, 1953	* 299.07

ACCOUNT OF 1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953	28,415.99
Additional Assessors' warrants to be collected	4,591.61
Interest and demands	489.71
Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	166.68
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	33,663.99

Paid Treasurer	32,340.67
Abatements	644.63
Added to tax titles	13.80

	32,999.10
Outstanding December 31, 1953	664.89

ACCOUNT OF 1953

Assessors' warrants to be collected	506,288.10
Interest and demands	248.74
Real estate taxes abated after payment	20.25
Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	1,220.27

	507,777.36
Paid Treasurer	455,627.27
Abatements	20,627.23
Added to tax titles	108.00

	476,362.50
Outstanding December 31, 1953	31,414.86

* motor vehicle excise taxes to be abated.

FOX STREET SIDEWALK

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$97.74
Abatement	97.74

JOHN T. BROWN

Collector of Taxes

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Palmer

The Annual Report of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

Appropriations	\$16,000.00
Expenditures	\$15,958.59
Balance	41.41
Receipts	\$ 4,518.29
Paid to R. L. McDonald	\$ 4,518.29
390 Perpetual Care Funds:	
\$1,700.00 added in 1953	
Making a total of	\$57,018.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. GAY, Chairman

ROBERT C. BRAINERD

WILLIAM F. FAULKNER

Cemetery Commissioners

By:—Bert L. Beers, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1953,	\$621,858.71
Taxes, 1951,	\$482.76
Interest, 1951,	31.62
Taxes, 1952,	31,850.96
Interest, 1952,	489.71
Taxes, 1953,	455,378.53
Interest, 1953,	248.74
Withholding Tax Deductions,	55,080.70
Retirement Deductions,	8,505.88
Blue Cross & Shield Deductions,	2,001.40
Group Insurance Deductions,	1,022.40
Parking Meters Receipts,	12,964.93
School Lunch Receipts,	14,152.74
Athletic Association Receipts,	4,492.79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts;	
Taxes and Reimbursements,	343,980.17
County of Hampden Reimbursements,	14,762.21
All Other Sources,	51,859.83
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	997,305.37
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	\$1,610,164.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on Selectmen's Warrants,	1,034,970.22
Balance on hand December 31, 1953.	\$584,193.86

ROBERT L. McDONALD

Town Treasurer

Report of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Palmer, the Board of Assessors, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.
Town Appropriations:

To be raised by taxation	\$774,820.47
To be taken from available funds (voted)	117,650.00
State Parks and Reservations	879.17
1952 Underestimate State Parks	98.83
State Audit	25.53
1952 Underestimate State Audit	165.30
County Tax	20,454.94
Tuberculosis Hospital	2,266.44
Overlay	28,432.82
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	\$944,793.50

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	73,317.27
Corporation Tax	84,664.26
Reimbursement, State owned land	424.60
Old Age Tax (Meals)	2,498.99
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	55,000.00
Licenses	9,000.00
Fines	1,000.00
Special Assessment	1,000.00
Protections of Persons & Property	500.00
Charities	6,500.00
Old Age Assistance	46,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	6,000.00
Schools	19,000.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	500.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$308,405.12
1952 County Tax Overestimate	127.50
1952 County Tuberculosis Overestimate	123.70

To be taken from available funds	
Voted June 30, 1952	\$ 36,600.00
Voted Feb. 9, 1953	81,050.00
Voted Feb. 9, 1953	100,000.00

	\$217,650.00
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$526,306.32
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$418,487.18
Less 3285 Polls at \$2.00 each	6,570.00

Total amount to be raised by taxation on property	\$411,917.18
Tax Rate \$45.00 per M	
Assessed Valuation for 1953	
PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Stock in Trade	\$210,360.00
Machinery	1,035,955.00
Live Stock	47,855.00
All Other	122,675.00

Total Personal	\$1,416,845.00
REAL ESTATE	
Land, exclusive of Buildings	\$1,654,105.00
Buildings, exclusive of land	6,082,765.00

Total Real Estate	\$7,736,870.00
TOTAL VALUATION	
	\$9,153,715.00

Number of Live Stock assessed

Horses	18
Cows	483
Bulls	12
Heifers	147
Swine	76
Sheep	15
Fowl	2850

Number of acres of land	18,338
Number of dwelling houses	1,874

**RECAPITULATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE
AND TRAILER EXCISE**

Date of Commitment	Number	Valuation	Excise
March 31	102	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 2,314.22
April 21	137	55,470.00	2,769.59
April 28	365	149,310.00	7,460.52
May 12	300	110,400.00	5,538.88
May 20	317	147,920.00	7,379.57
June 18	445	191,630.00	9,661.64
July 17	646	298,510.00	13,457.75
Nov. 3	460	240,250.00	9,516.88
Nov. 4	397	139,000.00	6,376.14
Dec. 4	414	142,230.00	5,757.42
Dec. 23	436	273,960.00	8,597.81
Dec. 28	86	Dealer's Plates	8,600.00
	4,105	\$1,794,580.00	\$87,430.42

Excise Tax Rate \$50.42 Per M

ABATEMENTS GRANTED:

Motor Vehicle Excise

1952 Levy	\$ 574.63
1953 Levy	\$12,525.94

ABATEMENTS GRANTED

1950 Poll Tax	\$ 10.00
1950 Personal	128.80
1951 Poll Tax	66.00
1951 Personal	120.40
1952 Poll Tax	70.00
1953 Poll Tax	1,072.00
1953 Personal	123.75
1953 Real Est.	6,905.54
Tax Title Account	5,245.96

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN C. RONDEAU

WILLIAM A. COULTER

JOSEPH S. GILL

Board of Assessors

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer, Palmer, Mass.

Scales and Balances	Adj.	Sealed	N. Sealed	Cond'n'd
Over 10,000 lbs.	4	9		
5000 to 10,000 lbs.	2	10		
100 to 5000 lbs.	39	103		
Under 100 lbs.	33	133		
	—	—		
Total	78	255		
Weights of all descriptions	15	530		
	—	—		
Total	15	530		
Capacity measuring devices				
Vehicle Tanks	2	5		
Liquid 1 gal. or less		20		
Liquid 1 gal or more		19		
	—	—		
Total	2	44		
Automatic measuring devices	Adj.	Sealed	N. Sealed	Cond'n'd
Meters, inlet, one inch or less (gasoline)	10	61	1	
Meters, inlet, one inch or less (oil pumps)			17	
Meters, inlet more than 1 inch (vehicle)		11		
Meters, inlet, more than 1 inch (bulk storage)	5	10		
Kerosene pumps		7		
Stops on pumps		6		
Grease measuring devices		31		
	—	—		
Total	15	126	18	
Linear Measures				
Yard Sticks		28		
Cloth. Meas. devices		3		
	—	—		
Total		31		

Trial weighings and measurements of commodities sold or put up for sale.

	Number Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	746	639	35	72
Butter	526	501	14	11
Charcoal (in paper bags)	83	83		
Coal (in paper bags)	103	95	1	9
Confectionary	102	102		
Dry Commodities	957	861	51	45
Dry Goods (yard goods)	11	10		1
Flour	176	158	13	5
Fruits and Vegetables	171	135	26	10
Potatoes	395	168	105	122
Lard	329	329		
Grain and Feeds	48	39	1	8
Hay	19	17	2	
Ice	10	5	1	4
Liquid Commodities (milk)	107	107		
Meats and Provisions	125	109	11	5
Cord Wood	5	2		3
Coal (in transit)	8	3	3	2
Total	3921	3363	263	295

INSPECTIONS

	Number Inspected
Clinical Thermo	131
Coal Certificates	9
Ice Scales	9
Junk Scales	5
Markings of Bread	957
Markings of Food Packages	1133
Metal Ice Cream Containers	14
Milk Jars	1080
Pedlars Licenses	23
Pedlars Scales	11
Wholesale Milk Cans	131
Oil Bottles	350
Scales (after being tested and sealed)	48
Cartons (approved as measures)	147
Total	4048

Summary of Test Made

Gasoline device 1 inch or less (other than sealing)	33
Mass., approved, sealed milk jars	145
Mass., approved, sealed oil bottles	57
Scales (after being sealed)	40
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Total	275
 Sealing fees, collected	 \$524.10
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$524.10
Appropriation	\$1200.00
Expenditures	1181.80
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Balance	\$ 18.20

The foregoing comprises my annual report ending December 31st, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. BOISSY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Milk Inspector

Palmer, Mass.
December 31, 1953

To the Board of Health and Citizens of Palmer:

I respectfully submit the following report on the Milk Inspection work for the year ending December 31, 1953:

I have granted the following Permits and Licenses:

55	Milk and Cream Store Licenses	@	.50	27.50
20	Milk and Cream Vehicle Licenses	@	.50	10.00
36	Oleomargarine Licenses	@	.50	18.00
				<hr/> \$55.50

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. SWIATLOWSKI

Milk Inspector

Report of The Board of Public Welfare

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

Aided in this Town Account of:	No. of Cases	No. of Persons	Amount
Town Infirmary	9	11	\$5,839.89
In Homes, Private Families and Institutions	24	60	7,710.48
For Other Cities and Towns	7	14	1,318.92
For State	4	21	598.28
By Other Cities and Towns	3	8	1,897.23

RECEIPTS

Appropriations:

Support of Poor and General Administration	\$19,200.00
Total Town Appropriation	\$19,200.00
Town Infirmary Receipts	927.49

927.49

Reimbursements:

From Cities and Towns	340.47
From State	1,436.82
From Individuals	25.84
Total Reimbursements	1,803.18
Total Receipts	\$21,930.62

PAYMENTS

Administration:

Salary of Town Physician	500.00
Salary of Agent	330.00
Salary of Social Worker	226.00
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	1,056.00
Administrative Expenses	284.81
Town Infirmary Expenses	5,839.89
Outside Poor—(Palmer Settled Cases—	
Aided Direct)	7,710.48
State Cases—(Cases Without Settlement)	598.28
For Other Cities and Towns—(Cases	
Settled in Other Cities and Towns—	
Aided in Palmer)	1,318.92
By Other Cities and Towns—(Palmer	
Settled Cases—Aided in Other	
Cities and Towns)	1,897.23
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	17,649.61
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,705.61</u>

NET COST OF CHARITIES

Total Expenses	\$18,705.61
Less Total Overlay	494.39
Less Receipts of Town Infirmary	927.49
Less Outstanding Bills	986.00
Less Reimbursements—State and Other	
Cities and Towns	2,127.29
Less Reimbursements—Individuals	25.84
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	4,561.01
Net Cost	<u>\$14,144.60</u>
Overlay from Support of Poor and	
General Administration	494.39
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Total Overlay	<u>494.39</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN INFIRMARY RECEIPTS

Board	1,621.07
Lease of Land	25.00
Sale of Livestock	20.00
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Total Receipts	1,666.07

Disbursements:

Paid Treasurer	927.49
Balance Paid Treasurer (Direct)	738.58
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Total Disbursements	1,666.07
Inventory	3,500.00
Number of Inmates Registered during the year	11
Largest number at one time	10
Number of Inmates December 31, 1953	7
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NET COST OF TOWN INFIRMARY	
Total Expenses—Town Infirmary	\$5,839.89
Less Receipts	1,666.07
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Net Cost	\$4,173.82

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE, Chairman

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

JOHN K. MCKENZIE

Board of Public Welfare

BY:—WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare on salaries
of said Board is hereby respectfully submitted:

Town Appropriation—General Relief and for
attendance of meeting only, under Old Age
Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and
Disability Assistance

\$1200.00

Expenses from Town Appropriation

1200.00

Balance

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

JOHN K. MCKENZIE

Board of Public Welfare

BY:—WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

**Report of
The Board of Public Welfare
For
Aid to Dependent Children**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare on Aid to Dependent Children for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

Number of Cases	19
Number of Persons	57

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses	\$4,000.00
Balance on hand, U. S. Grants for Aid, January 1, 1953	5,769.84
Received during the year, U. S. Grants for Aid	8,616.30
Balance on hand, U. S. Grants for Administration, January 1, 1953	614.76
Received during the year, U. S. Grants for Administration	1,077.06
Reimbursements from State	3,991.46
Refund, U. S. Grant for Aid	5.30
Reimbursements from Individuals	25.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$24,099.72</u>

EXPENDITURES

Cash, from U. S. Grants for Aid	\$11,557.44
Cash, from Town Appropriation for Aid	3,801.30
Total Cash Expenditures for Aid	<u>\$15,358.74</u>

Administrative Expenses from Town Appropriation	
Expenses from U. S. Grants for Administration	<u>\$559.16</u>
 Total Administrative Expenses	<u>559.16</u>
 Total Expenses for Aid and Administration	<u><u>\$15,917.90</u></u>
 Balance from U. S. Grants for Aid	<u>\$2,834.00</u>
Balance from U. S. Grants for Administration	1,132.66
Balance from Town Appropriation for Aid and General Expenses	<u>198.70</u>
 Total Balance	<u><u>\$4,165.36</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. MCKENZIE, Chairman

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Board of Public Welfare

BY:—WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

Report of the
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

Number of Active Cases January 1, 1953	130
Applications pending January 1, 1953	2
Applications received during the year	22
Applications approved during the year	11
Applications rejected during the year	12
Applications pending at end of the year	1
Cases closed during the year	26
Number of Active cases December 31, 1953	115
Palmer settled cases aided in other cities and towns	13

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses	\$81,000.00
Refunds, Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses	229.61
U. S. Grants for Old Age Assistance Only:	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1953	3,787.53
Received during the year	45,592.50
Refunds, U. S. Grants for Aid	2,129.13
U. S. Grants for Old Age Administration:	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1953	977.13
Received during the year	3,759.15

Reimbursements:

Cities and Towns	705.25
State	48,664.42
Meal Tax from State	2,876.85
Individuals	1,121.06
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	48,367.58
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Total Receipts	\$185,842.63

PAYMENTS

Expended from Town Appropriation for Aid	75,330.43
Expended from Federal Grants for Aid	34,998.68

Total Expenses for Aid	<u>110,329.11</u>
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ADMINISTRATION

Administration Expenses	7,474.84
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<u>7,474.84</u>

Other Expenses:

Transportation and Travel	273.47
Postage	45.09
Supplies and Printing	154.22
Telephone	134.70
Social Service Index	21.00
Filing of O.A.A. Liens	5.00
Equipment	189.00
Service Agreement—Adding Machine	18.00
Rental Appraisal and Opinion	10.00

850.48

Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$8,325.32</u>
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Expended from Town Appropriation for

Administrative Expenses	5,138.85
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Expended from U. S. Grants for

Administration	3,186.47
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Total Administrative Expenses	<u>8,325.32</u>
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Total Expenses for Aid and Administration	<u>\$118,654.43</u>
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Balance from U. S. Grants for Aid	16,510.48
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Balance from U. S. Grants for

Administration	1,549.81
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Overlay from Town Appropriation for Aid and General Expenses	760.33
Total Balance	\$18,820.62

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN, Chairman

JOHN K. McKENZIE

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

BY:—WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

**Report of
The Board of Public Welfare
on
Disability Assistance**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare on Disability Assistance for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

Number of Active Cases January 1, 1953	5
Applications pending January 1, 1953	0
Applications received during the year	4
Applications approved during the year	1
Applications rejected during the year	1
Applications withdrawn during the year	2
Applications pending at end of the year	0
Cases closed during the year	0
Number of Active cases December 31, 1953	6

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses	\$5,000.00
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U. S. Grants for Disability Assistance:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1953	\$1,151.37
Received during the year	2,085.53

3,236.90

U. S. Grants Disability Assistance Administration:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1953	\$153.14
Received during the year	136.71

\$289.85

Reimbursements:

From State for Aid	\$622.43
From State for Administration	90.46

712.89

Total Receipts

\$9,239.64

PAYMENTS

From U. S. Grants for Disability Assistance	\$516.80
From Town Appropriation for Aid	2,632.80
Total Expenses for Aid	\$3,149.60
Expended from U. S. Grants for Administration	\$70.20 70.20
Total Expenses	\$3,219.80
Balance from Town Appropriation for Aid and General Expenses	\$2,367.20
Balance from U. S. Grants for Disability Assistance	2,720.10
Balance from U. S. Grants for Administration	219.65
Total Balance	\$5,306.95

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE, Chairman

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

JOHN K. MCKENZIE

Board of Public Welfare

BY:—WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953:

RECEIPTS

Taxes—current year:

Poll	5,598.00
Personal	61,193.26
Real Estate	322,849.91
Motor Vehicle Excise	65,737.36 455,378.53

Previous years:

Poll	122.00
Personal	2,166.14
Real Estate	18,679.25
Motor Vehicle Excise	11,366.33 32,333.72

From State:

Corporation Tax	83,984.26
Income Tax	4,760.00
Meal Tax, OAA	2,876.85
School Aid, Chap. 70	81,959.90
Loss of Taxes	443.70
Tuition and Transportation	20,086.98 194,111.69

Withheld from wages:

Withholding Tax	55,080.70
County Retirement	8,505.88
Blue Cross and Shield	2,001.40
Group Insurance	1,022.40 66,610.38

Parking Meter Collections	12,964.93
School Lunch Receipts	14,152.74
Athletic Assn. Receipts	4,492.79
School Milk Fund	1,791.37
Easement Fee	1.00
Court Fines	1,505.90 34,908.73

Licenses:

State Licenses	90.00
Garage	46.00

Sunday	28.00
Pool and Bowling	16.00
Milk and Oleo	55.50
Auctioneer	8.00
Firearms	7.40
Entertainment	35.00
Pinball Machine	238.34
Junk and Privilege	435.00
Common Victualler	108.00
Dog Licenses	2,022.00
Pasteurization	50.00
Alcohol	4.00
Day Nursery	3.00
Ice Cream	70.00
Camps and Cabins	3.50
Slaughtering	2.00
Kindergarten	1.00
Bottling	40.00
Funeral Directors	8.00
	3,270.74

Alcoholic:

Innholders	1,525.00
Restaurant	1,600.00
Club	2,500.00
Drug	635.00
Package	800.00
One day	38.00
Malt Beverage and Wine	1,500.00
	8,598.00

Grants and Gifts:

From County—Dog Licenses	1,648.71	1,648.71
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From State:

Vocational Educational	3,312.16
Smith-Hughes Fund	132.25

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	49,351.65
Aid to Dependent Children	9,693.36
Disability Assistance	2,222.24

RECEIPTS FROM GENERAL DEPTS.**Selectmen:**

Rental of Memorial Hall	272.50
Sale of Land	16,093.00

16,365.50

Welfare:

Land Rental	25.00
Infirmary	617.00

642.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Bicycle Registrations	17.50	
Pistol Permits	54.50	
Sealing Fees	524.10	596.10

Veterans Dept:

Sale of old typewriter	7.00	7.00
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Highways:

Sewer connections	2,250.00	
Gravel	39.50	
Grader rental	165.00	2,454.50

Joint Chap. 90 Maint:

State	1,498.58	
County	1,847.41	3,345.99

Joint Chap. 90 Const:

State	29,117.17	
County	11,266.09	40,383.26

Schools:

Tuition	1,140.00	
Sale of mdse.	27.37	
Rent	523.50	1,690.87

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR AID**Welfare:**

State	1,436.82	
Cities and Towns	365.47	
Individuals	311.33	2,113.62

Aid to Dependent Children:

State	3,991.46	3,991.46
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Old Age Assistance:

State	41,640.83	
Cities and Towns	705.25	
Individuals	2,554.29	44,900.37

Disability Assistance:

State	712.89	712.89
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Veterans' Dept:

State	6,759.07	6,759.07
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Cemeteries:

Perpetual Care Deposits	1,700.00	
Sale of Lots	555.00	
Care of Lots	2,230.50	
Opening Graves	1,268.00	
Foundations	464.79	6,218.29

Refunds and Recoveries:		3,192.12	3,192.12
Interest:			
On Taxes		658.42	
Demands		111.65	
Merrick Fund		24.44	
Thompson Fund		26.16	
Perpetual Care Funds		1,539.50	2,360.17
TOTAL RECEIPTS			997,305.37
Cash on hand January 1, 1953			621,858.71
			1,619,164.08

EXPENDITURES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen:			
Salaries of Board		2,500.00	
Office equipment		148.75	
Expenses and supplies		104.67	
Warrant expenses		753.88	
Stationery and postage		9.00	
Printing and advertising		187.51	
Chap. 90 expenses		79.05	
Telephone		403.96	
Travel expense		196.99	
Miscellaneous		75.95	4,459.76
Contingent acct:			
Traffic spotlight		23.70	
Outside Fires		612.50	
Finance Comm. exp.		206.16	
House numbers		65.25	
Decorations and expenses		102.00	
Memorial Plaque		23.04	
Miscellaneous		59.00	1,091.65
Meter Acct:			
Labor		1,899.45	
Lights		59.00	
Repairs to coin counter		175.00	
Traffic paint		67.15	
Repairs and supplies		26.77	2,227.37
Accounting and auditing:		3,690.00	3,690.00
Town Offices:			
Janitor		555.00	
Rent		2,960.00	
Lights and supplies		92.35	3,607.35

Town Engineer:		2,000.00	2,000.00
Treasury:			
Treasurer's salary	4,212.00		
Clerk	2,340.00		
Surety bond	215.50		
Telephone	48.78		
Travel and expenses	27.60		
Office expenses	536.71		
Postage	193.20		
Miscellaneous	2.27	7,576.06	
Collector:			
Salary	2,974.14		
Clerk	1,980.00		
Telephone	76.50		
Stationery and postage	417.68		
Surety bonds	343.00		
Insurance	25.00		
Office expense	202.15		
Printing	186.89		
Miscellaneous	82.66	6,288.02	
Town Clerk:			
Salary	1,049.36		
Clerical	205.00		
Street acceptances	80.00		
Office supplies and equip.	219.46		
Postage and printing	74.26		
Telephone	76.68		
Repairs	15.75		
Miscellaneous	135.73	1,856.24	
Assessors:			
Salaries	2,920.84		
Clerical	2,860.00		
Maps & photostats	682.80		
Telephone	263.44		
Travel & expenses	259.76		
Record binding	122.50		
Postage and supplies	326.28		
Printing	337.81		
Miscellaneous	28.56	7,801.99	
Law and Claim:			
Counsel	1,500.00		
Tax Title Agent & expenses	272.00		

Auctions of public land	15.00
Claims paid	61.00
Telephone, travel, recording fees & misc. office expenses	748.35
	2,596.35
Election and Registration:	
Registrar's salaries	400.00
Election officers	553.00
Supplies, postage, printing. etc.	952.26
Listing, canvassing and registering	506.40
Miscellaneous	34.20
	2,445.86
License Commission expenses:	
Telephone	83.05
Clerical	12.60
Travel	54.00
Printing	38.50
Miscellaneous	8.60
	196.75
Building Maintenance:	
Janitors	193.00
Fuel and lights	74.70
Repairs, redecorations, etc.	1,151.41
Painting flag pole	65.00
Miscellaneous	15.40
	1,499.51
Town Dump:	
Labor	1,782.00
Repairs, supplies	245.30
Grading	66.00
	2,093.30
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT	49,430.21

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:	
Chief's salary	5,399.68
Day patrol	6,968.00
Night patrol	9,313.00
Village patrols	4,913.73
Special police	9,870.04
Clerk	2,600.00
Gas, oil & upkeep, cruiser and cycle	1,093.42
Chief's transportation	700.00
Extra car hire	176.06
Rent	1,860.00
Lights	168.80
Janitor	360.00
Telephone and radio	1,902.08

Supplies and misc. expense	359.10
New cruiser	1,200.00
Equipment	248.21
	47,132.12
Sealer of Weights & Measures:	
Salary	900.00
Telephone	43.28
Supplies	52.12
Expense allowance	182.40
	1,177.80
Moth Suppression:	
Labor	1,134.00
Tree removal	317.00
	1,451.00
Dutch Elm Disease:	
Labor	891.00
Spraying	510.00
Tree removal	1,697.00
	3,098.00
Tree Department:	
Labor	1,931.00
Trucks	240.00
Hardware & tools	20.76
	2,197.76
Forest Fires:	
Warden's salary	1,500.00
Fires	2,398.00
Equipment, repairs, supplies	3,397.99
Telephone	49.78
Medical	56.50
Gas and oil, etc.	45.60
Miscellaneous	120.00
	7,567.87
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PUBLIC	62,624.55

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Administrative salaries	900.00
Clerical	150.00
Telephone	268.29
Postage and supplies	30.72
Board expenses	76.00
Vermin control	350.00
Parochial school medical	200.00
Toxin-antitoxin	126.00
District nurse	1,000.00
Contagious diseases	26.00
Tuberculosis hospitals	475.43
Animal inspection	300.00

Meat and Milk inspection	633.10
Vital statistics	769.25
Miscellaneous	52.07
TOTAL FOR HEALTH	5,356.86

HIGHWAYS

General maintenance:

Supt.	915.80
Labor	14,807.80
Equipment rental	1,105.79
Tree removal	65.00
Mowing	166.00
Telephone, light, fuel	668.09
Tarvia and road oil	1,850.40
Supplies, equip. & repairs	5,630.98
Gas and oil	1,055.74 26,256.60

Highway equipment:

Loader	6,129.57
Roller	1,780.70
Truck	3,533.20
Spreader	3,920.00 15,363.47

Highway garage:

Contract	19,000.00
Labor	727.28 19,727.28

Shearer Street—A

Supt.	98.80
Labor	1,199.80
Equip. rental	637.00
Gas and oil	221.14
Materials and supplies	138.99
Tarvia	543.63
Tree removal	150.00 2,989.36

Buckland Street—A

Supt.	15.20
Labor	163.20
Equip. rental	129.00
Tarvia	109.37
Materials	72.00 488.77

Foundry Street—A

Supt.	7.60
Labor	150.40
Tarvia	800.10
Materials	40.00 998.10

Alden Street—A			
Supt.	22.80		
Labor	397.35		
Equip. rental	96.00		
Tarvia	280.80	796.95	
Longview Street—A			
Supt.	34.20		
Labor	735.95		
Equip. rental	222.00		
Gas and oil	14.02		
Tarvia	988.83	1,995.00	
Fairview Street—A			
Supt.	72.20		
Labor	697.50		
Equip. rental	62.00		
Gas and oil	66.39		
Materials	96.00	994.09	
Pleasant Street—A			
Supt.	129.20		
Labor	1,829.75		
Equip. rental	405.50		
Concrete	45.20		
Supplies, repairs	511.89		
Tarvia	3,048.31		
Gas and oil	26.98	5,996.83	
Taft Street—A			
Supt.	7.60		
Labor	187.20		
Materials	28.00		
Tarvia	273.78	496.58	
River Street—B			
Supt.	30.40		
Labor	508.95		
Materials	128.95		
Tarvia	127.60	795.90	
Baptist Hill Rd.—C			
Supt.	45.60		
Labor	656.56		
Equip. rental	238.58		
Tarvia	648.20		
Materials	48.80		
Gas and oil	70.80	1,708.54	
Ruggles Street—C			
Supt.	15.20		
Labor	214.80		

Tarvia	143.08	
Equip. rental	20.00	393.08
Old Warren Rd.—B		
Supt.	7.00	
Labor	100.80	
Equip. rental	82.50	
Gas and oil	24.10	215.00
Squier Street—A		
Supt.	22.80	
Labor	260.80	
Tarvia	203.00	486.60
Arnold Street—A		
Supt.	45.60	
Labor	560.10	
Gas and oil	6.61	
Equip. rental	20.00	
Tarvia	264.70	897.01
Foster Street—D		
Supt.	7.60	
Labor	202.65	
Equip. rental	40.00	
Tarvia	235.14	485.39
Breckenridge Street—A		
Supt.	19.00	
Labor	368.00	
Equipment rental	161.50	
Materials	87.00	
Tarvia	362.74	998.24
Mason Road—A		
Supt.	7.60	
Labor	286.60	
Tarvia	704.41	998.61
Beech Street—Lake Thompson		
Supt.	79.80	
Labor	612.90	
Equipment rental	96.00	
Gas and oil	70.80	
Supplies, equip.	101.46	960.96
High Street—A		
Supt.	72.20	
Labor	745.70	
Materials	1,247.11	
Gas and oil	70.80	
Equip. rental	760.00	2,895.81

High St. & Old Center Rd.—B (1952)		
Patching	2,475.00	2,475.00
Shearer Street—A (1952)		
Supt.	53.20	
Labor	766.90	
Equip. rental	96.00	
Materials, equip.	45.06	
Engineering	9.00	
Concrete	113.00	
Tarvia	472.55	1,555.71
Bourne St.—C (1952)		
Supt.	53.20	
Labor	724.40	
Gas and oil	77.85	
Equip. rental	266.00	
Materials	136.00	
Tarvia	609.30	1,866.75
South Main St.—A (1952)		
Supt.	87.40	
Labor	1,409.20	
Materials	733.91	
Equip. rental	801.50	
Gas and oil	203.67	
Tarvia	3,498.19	6,733.87
Gasoline shovel (1952)	404.55	404.55
TOTAL FOR GENERAL HIGHWAYS		99,983.05

WALKS AND CURBS

General Maintenance		
Supt.	115.90	
Labor	1,100.00	
Equip. rental	45.00	
Contract labor	285.00	
Materials	504.17	
Concrete, tarvia	728.75	2,778.82
North Main Street—A		
Supt.	53.20	
Labor	753.80	
Concrete	587.60	1,394.60
Commercial Street—B		
Supt.	53.20	
Labor	416.20	
Concrete	249.50	
Equip. rental	80.00	798.90

Pleasant Street—A				
Supt.		68.40		
Labor		772.30		
Equipment rental		116.25		
Concrete		762.30		
Supplies	6.37	1,725.62		
LaRivierre Street—C				
Supt.		41.80		
Labor		327.60		
Materials		32.00		
Concrete		271.20		
Equip. rental	75.00	747.60		
Knox Street—A				
Supt.		64.60		
Labor		1,053.50		
Materials		694.59		
Equip. rental	172.50	1,985.19		
Central Street—A				
Supt.		49.40		
Labor		678.50		
Materials		91.35		
Concrete	610.50	1,429.75		
Park Street—A				
Supt.		15.20		
Labor		294.65		
Concrete		180.80	490.65	
Walnut Street—A				
Supt.		30.40		
Labor		341.40		
Materials		37.50		
Tarvia		45.20		
Concrete	345.10	799.60		
Main Street—B				
Supt.		30.40		
Labor		433.20		
Concrete		1,035.60	1,499.20	
South Main St.—A				
Supt.		41.80		
Labor		617.05		
Equip. rental		150.00		
Tarvia		45.20		
Concrete		497.20		
Materials & supplies	47.96	1,399.21		

North Main Street—A			
Labor	6.00		6.00
Springfield Street—C (1952)			
Supt.	26.60		
Labor	365.80		
Equip. rental	144.00		
Concrete	274.15		810.55
River Street—B (1952)			
Labor	9.00		
Contract labor	490.00		499.00
Bridge Street—A			
Supt.	34.20		
Labor	373.20		
Equip. rental	22.50		
Concrete	361.60		
Materials, supplies	174.26		
Gas and oil	24.10		989.86
South Main Street—A			
Supt.	38.00		
Labor	479.45		
Equip. rental	120.00		
Concrete	361.60		999.05
Cheney Street—C			
Supt.	68.40		
Labor	872.20		
Equip. rental	40.00		
Supplies and equip.	915.75		
Engineering	3.00		1,899.35
Cedar Street—C			
Supt.	38.00		
Labor	559.20		
Equip. rental	20.00		
Supplies and equip.	573.94		
Gas and oil	6.10		1,197.24
TOTAL FOR WALKS			18,353.60

SEWERS AND CULVERTS

General maintenance		
Supt.	446.50	
Labor	4,027.65	
Equip. rental	1,837.36	
Supplies, equipment	1,515.30	

Gas and oil	75.52
Miscellaneous	16.00
Engineering	31.00
	7,499.33
East Street—C	
Supt.	57.00
Labor	833.45
Equip. rental	20.00
Materials, supplies	686.69
	1,597.14
River Street—B	
Supt.	22.80
Labor	266.95
Equip. rental	1,465.00
Materials, supplies	1,241.22
	2,995.97
South Main Street—A	
Supt.	231.80
Labor	2,707.25
Equip. rental	808.00
Gas and oil	64.69
Materials, supplies	2,186.30
	5,998.04
TOTAL FOR SEWERS	21,187.07

CHAPTER 90

Maintenance:	
Supt.	167.20
Labor	2,137.15
Equip. rental	297.00
Tarvia	2,016.13
Sand and gravel	1,352.04
	5,969.52
Church Street Bridge—B	
Contract	40,365.17
Materials, supplies	506.36
	40,871.53
Sykes Street—C	
Supt.	98.80
Labor	1,114.85
Equip. rental	138.00
Pipe	1,376.60
Materials	71.50
	2,799.75
Ware-West Warren Road	
Supt.	304.00
Labor	4,185.50
Supplies, equip.	1,517.72
Equip. rental	1,249.00

Gas and oil	243.85
Tarvia	2,310.92
Sand	150.00
	9,960.99
Canal Bridge, Main St.—B	
Contract	2,956.67
	2,956.67
Main Street—C	
Supt.	38.00
Labor	1,014.45
Concrete	141.60
Materials, supplies	196.44
Equip. rental	311.75
Tarvia	91.50
	1,793.74
TOTAL FOR CHAPTER 90	64,352.20
Oiling Roads:	
Supt.	254.60
Labor	4,384.60
Sand	1,724.82
Repairs, supplies	158.03
Equip. rental	1,112.00
Gas and oil	653.82
Tarvia	6,706.66
	14,994.53
Snow removal:	
Supt.	448.40
Labor	5,667.60
Repairs, tools & equip.	1,757.63
Gas and oil	598.25
Equip. rental	2,110.25
Salt and sand	1,996.22
Plowing	29.88
Misc.	12.00
	12,620.23

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:	
General administration	1,156.00
Administrative expense	284.81
Outside poor	8,808.76
Aid by and for other cities and towns	3,216.15
	13,465.72
Infirmary:	
Warden	1,500.00
Maintenance and expense	4,339.89
	5,839.89
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	8,074.84
Administrative expense	850.48

Town cases	90,636.49
For and by others	5,397.62
State cases	12,684.55
Indirect payment	113.31
Medical	1,497.14 119,254.43
 Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration	559.16
Town cases	15,238.74
Indirect and medical	120.00 15,917.90
 Disability Assistance:	
Aid	3,149.60
Administrative expenses	70.20 3,219.80
 Veterans' Benefits:	
Administrative expenses	1,550.00
Ordinary allowances	11,002.40
Light and fuel	120.58
Medical	2,984.82
Provisions	279.50
Miscellaneous	113.17 16,050.47
 Service Center:	
Administrative expense	1,450.00
Janitor	46.25
Telephone	118.91
Office expenses	133.67 1,753.83
 TOTAL FOR CHARITIES	
	175,502.04

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

General support and maintenance:	
Superintendent's salary	7,099.92
Clerical	5,598.41
Truant officer	237.50
Administrative expenses	626.88
Teachers' salaries	186,372.44
Textbooks and supplies	14,098.40
Transportation	21,936.75
Operating expenses	37,232.38
Janitors salaries	20,918.20
Auxiliary agencies	6,772.06
Furniture and fixtures	1,497.00
Nurse and physician	3,905.67
Miscellaneous	742.10
Retirements	4,289.80
Trade School expenses	11,491.88

School Lunch	13,481.02
Athletic Fund	3,836.68
Milk Fund	1,045.32
Library Assn.	6,000.00 347,182.41

TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES**CEMETERIES**

Labor	8,907.55
Clerk	325.00
Office Expenses	336.23
Loam	488.00
Tools, equip., repairs	4,624.24
Trucks	490.30
Gas and oil	53.27
Contract labor	409.00
Painting fence	260.00
Moving tool house	65.00
Care of neglected graves	348.00
Interest on Perpetual Care Funds	1,539.50 17,846.09

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Parks and Playgrounds	7,879.21
Memorial Day	600.00
County Tuber. Assessment	1,006.50
Civilian Defense	89.41
County Aid to Agriculture	25.00
Tax Title Redemption	8.99
Town Reports	1,508.00
General Insurance	7,468.74
Street Lighting	15,587.25
Wing Memorial Hospital Fund	1,000.00
Garbage collection	3,441.75
Town Fire Engineers	75.00
World War II Memorial	5,995.70
Bottling fees to State	20.00 44,705.55

AGENCY AND TRUST

State Parks	1,299.17
County Tax	20,188.70
Dog Licenses to County	2,022.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,700.00
Retirement Assessment	6,763.59

State Audit	25.53
Refunds	1,597.54
Withheld from wages:	
Withholding Tax	54,849.70
Retirement	8,443.08
Blue Cross & Shield	1,980.45
Group Insurance	1,961.47 100,831.83
GRAND TOTAL	1,034,970.22
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	584,193.86
	1,619,164.08

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:

Cash and securities	58,819.28
Thompson Fund	951.28
Merrick Fund	850.00
Perpetual Care Funds	57,018.00
	58,819.28
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Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. LYNCH

Town Accountant

**UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS
DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Account	Total Available	Expended	Balance
Selectmens' Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	
" other expenses	1,962.00	1,959.76	2.24
" contingent acct.	2,000.00	1,091.65	908.35
Misc. meter acct.	4,000.00	2,227.37	1,772.63
Accounting & auditing	3,690.00	3,690.00	
Treasurer's salary	4,212.00	4,212.00	
" clerk	2,340.00	2,340.00	
" other expenses	1,050.00	1,024.06	25.94
Assessors' salaries	3,000.00	2,920.84	79.16
" clerk	2,860.00	2,860.00	
" other expenses	1,400.00	1,398.65	1.35
" maps	500.00	500.00	
" record binding	267.00	122.50	144.50
Town Clerk's salary	1,049.36	1,049.36	
" other expenses	780.00	726.88	53.12
" street acceptances	80.00	80.00	
Collector's salary	3,304.60	2,974.14	330.46
" prev. yrs.	1,156.40		1,156.40
" clerk	2,184.00	1,980.00	204.00
" other expenses	1,380.00	1,333.88	46.12
License Comm. expenses	213.00	196.75	16.25
Law and Claim	3,000.00	2,596.35	403.65
Town offices	3,608.00	3,607.35	.65
Maintenance-town buildings	1,500.00	1,499.51	.49
Elec. and Reg.	2,460.00	2,445.86	14.14
Town Engineer	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Town dump	2,000.00	2,093.30	16.70
Police Salaries	40,620.00	39,094.45	1,525.55
" expenses	6,888.00	6,837.67	50.33
" cruiser	1,250.00	1,200.00	50.00
Forest Fires	7,577.37	7,567.87	9.50
Moth suppression	1,500.00	1,451.00	49.00
Dutch Elm Disease	3,100.00	3,098.00	2.00
Tree department	2,200.00	2,197.76	2.24
Sealer's salary	900.00	900.00	
" expenses	300.00	277.80	22.20
Board of Health salaries	600.00	600.00	
Clerk	300.00	300.00	
Tuber. & other expenses	3,001.56	1,550.23	1,451.33
Meat and Milk insp.	640.00	637.38	2.62
Animal inspector—salary	200.00	200.00	
" " expenses	100.00	100.00	
Medical parochial schools	200.00	200.00	
District Nurse	1,000.00	1,000.00	

Account	Total Available	Expended	Balance
Vital statistics	800.00		
General highway maint.	26,300.00	26,265.60	.34.40
Highway equipment	15,400.00	15,363.47	36.53
New Highway garage	29,000.00	19,727.28	9,272.72
Shearer St. A	3,000.00	2,989.36	10.64
Buckland St. A	500.00	488.77	11.23
Foundry St. A.	1,000.00	998.10	1.90
Alden St. A.	800.00	796.95	3.05
Longview St. A	2,000.00	1,995.00	5.00
Fairview St. A	1,000.00	994.09	5.91
Pleasant St. A.	6,000.00	5,996.83	3.17
Taft St. A	500.00	496.58	3.42
River St. B	800.00	795.90	4.10
Baptist Hill Rd. C	2,000.00	1,708.54	291.46
Ruggles St. C	400.00	393.08	6.92
Old Warren Rd. B	1,000.00	215.00	785.00
Squier St. Ext. A	500.00	486.60	13.40
Arnold St. A	900.00	897.01	2.99
Foster St. D	500.00	485.39	14.61
Breckenridge St. A	1,000.00	998.24	1.76
Mason Rd. A (1)	500.00	499.45	.55
Mason Rd. A (2)	500.00	499.16	.84
Beech St. A	1,000.00	960.96	39.04
High St. & Old Center Rd. B	2,475.40	2,475.00	.40
Shearer St. A (1952)	1,598.06	1,555.71	42.35
Bourne St. C (1952)	1,870.00	1,866.75	3.25
South Main St. A (1952)	6,927.86	6,733.87	193.99
High St. A (1952)	300.00	297.53	2.47
High St. A	2,600.00	2,598.28	1.72
Gasoline shovel	1,030.08	404.55	625.53
Sidewalks and curbs	2,800.00	2,778.82	21.18
Shearer St. A	1,400.00	1,394.60	5.40
Commercial St. B	800.00	798.90	1.10
LaRivierre St. C	750.00	747.60	2.40
Knox St. A	2,000.00	1,985.19	14.81
Pleasant St. A (1)	1,500.00	1,489.77	10.23
Pleasant St. (2)	250.00	235.85	14.15
Central St. A (1)	1,064.00	1,052.90	11.10
Central St. A (2)	450.00	440.85	9.15
Park St. A	500.00	490.65	9.35
Walnut St. A	800.00	799.60	.40
Ruggles St. C	750.00		750.00
Main St. B	1,500.00	1,499.20	.80
Bridge St. A	1,000.00	989.86	10.14
So. Main St. A (1)	1,000.00	999.05	.95
So. Main St. A (2)	1,400.00	1,399.21	.79

Account	Total Available	Expended	Balance
No. Main St. A	1,700.00	6.00	1,694.00
Springfield St. C	815.00	810.55	4.45
River St. B	501.83	499.00	2.83
Sewers and culverts	7,500.00	7,499.33	.67
Cheney St. C	1,900.00	1,899.35	.65
Cedar St. C	1,200.00	1,197.24	2.76
East St. C	1,600.00	1,597.14	2.86
River St. B	3,000.00	2,995.97	4.03
So. Main St. D	1,500.00	1,499.03	.97
So. Main St. A	4,500.00	4,499.01	.99
Oiling Roads	15,000.00	14,994.53	5.47
Chap. 90 Maint.	6,000.00	5,969.52	30.48
Chap. 90 Const. Main St. C	1,800.00	1,793.74	6.26
" " Main St. Bridge B	3,012.95	2,956.67	56.28
" " Church St. " B	52,000.00	40,871.53	11,128.47
" " Sykes St. C	2,800.00	2,799.75	.25
" " Ware-W. Warren Rd.	10,000.00	9,960.99	39.01
" " Springfield St. C	8,650.00		8,650.00
" " Palmer Road C	8,400.00		8,400.00
" " Commercial St. B	15,000.00		15,000.00
Snow removal	12,446.00	12,620.23	174.23
			O.D.
Salaries of Welfare Board, OAA and ADC	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Support of poor	19,200.00	18,705.61	494.39
OAA—Town approp.	81,229.61	80,469.28	760.33
OAA—Federal Aid	51,509.16	34,998.68	16,510.48
OAA—Federal Adminis.	4,736.28	3,186.47	1,549.81
ADC—Town approp.	4,000.00	3,801.30	198.70
ADC—Federal Aid	14,391.44	11,557.44	2,834.00
ADC—Federal adminis.	1,691.82	559.16	1,132.66
Disability Asst. Town approp.	5,000.00	2,632.80	2,367.20
" " Federal Aid	3,236.90	516.80	2,720.10
" " Federal Adminis.	289.85	70.20	219.65
Veterans' Benefits	18,540.00	16,050.47	2,489.53
Veterans' Services	1,800.00	1,753.83	46.17
Burial of Soldiers or Sailors	1.00		1.00
Support and maint. of schools	308,335.00	307,037.71	1,297.29
Trade School Expenses	11,500.00	11,491.88	8.12
Retirements	4,290.00	4,289.80	.20
Smith-Hughes Fund	211.55		211.55
School lunch	14,957.62	13,481.02	1,476.60
School athletic fund	5,005.51	3,836.68	1,168.83
School milk fund	1,791.37	1,045.32	746.05
Library Assn.	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Parks	9,300.00	7,879.21	1,420.79

Account	Total Available	Expended	Balance
Street lighting	15,818.00	15,587.25	230.75
Town reports	1,508.00	1,508.00	
World War II Memorial	6,000.00	5,995.70	4.30
County aid to agric.	25.00	25.00	
General insurance	7,470.00	7,468.74	1.26
Fire engineers	75.00	75.00	
Bicycle registrations	1.00		1.00
Planning Board expense	1.00		1.00
Memorial day	600.00	600.00	
Wing Hospital fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Civilian defense	100.00	89.41	10.59
Garbage disposal	4,095.29	3,441.75	653.54
Reserve fund	17,000.00	16,976.87	23.13
Acceptance of Roosevelt St.	1.00		1.00
" " Cheney St.	1.00		1.00
Cemeteries	16,000.00	15,958.59	41.41
Care of neglected graves	350.00	348.00	2.00

Balance Sheet

	DR.	CR.
Cash	584,193.86	
Taxes, 1949	2.30	
Taxes, 1950	2.30	
Taxes, 1951	2.15	
Taxes, 1952	423.95	
Taxes, 1953	21,040.97	
Tax Titles	1,082.61	
Tax Possessions	951.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1949	177.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1950	141.52	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1951	299.07	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1952	254.74	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1953	10,846.11	
Overlay, 1949		2.30
Overlay, 1950		2.30
Overlay, 1951		117.95
Overlay, 1952		4,772.76
Overlay, 1953		15,085.57
Overlay Reserve		20,991.60
Accounts Receivable:		
Forest Fires	33.00	
Highways	76.50	
Public Welfare	986.00	
Old Age Assistance	772.83	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,922.28	
Veterans' Benefits	1,762.15	
Schools	370.25	
Old Age Assistance Recovery		60.00
Accounts Receivable, Chapter 90:		
From State, Church Street Bridge	5,817.41	
From County, Church Street Bridge	3,202.16	
From State, Main Street C	900.00	
From County, Main Street C	450.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions		5,734.60
County Retirement Deductions		881.07
Blue Cross and Shield Deductions		235.00
Group Insurance Fund		257.33

Parking Meter Fund	16,457.42
Tailings Account	217.17
County Tax	266.24
County TB Hospital Assessment	1,259.94
State Parks and Reservations	420.00
Dog Licenses	15.60
Sale of Land Account	26,484.00
Sale of Land of Low Value	73.44
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	1,453.00
Bequest	1,000.00
Departmental Revenue	5,923.01
State and County Highway Revenue	10,369.57
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	11,718.68
Tax Title Revenue—Town	2,021.47
Tax Title Revenue—District	12.38
Excess and Deficiency	424,016.70
Collector's Salary, 1953	330.46
Collector's Salary, Previous Years	1,156.40
Highway Garage	9,272.72
Baptist Hill Road Improvement	291.46
Old Warren Road Improvement	785.00
South Main Street Improvement	193.99
Ruggles Street Walk	750.00
North Main Street Walk	1,694.00
Church Street Bridge B	11,128.47
Springfield Street C	8,650.00
Palmer Road C	8,400.00
Commercial Street B	15,000.00
Snow Removal	174.23
Old Age Asst. Federal Grant for Aid	16,510.48
Old Age Asst. Federal Grant for Adm.	1,549.81
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Aid	2,834.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Adm.	1,132.66
Disability Assistance, Federal Aid	2,720.10
Disability Assistance, Federal Adm.	219.65
Schools-Smith Hughes Fund	211.55
School Lunch Fund	1,476.60
School Athletic Fund	1,168.83
School Milk Fund	746.05
Garbage Disposal	653.54
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	\$636,304.87
	\$636,304.87

FRANCIS J. LYNCH

Town Accountant

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

Palmer, Mass.

To the Board of Health and Citizens of Palmer:

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953:

I have made the following Inspections:

21	Hogs
4	Beef

25	Inspections
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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. SWIATLOWSKI

Inspector of Slaughtering

Report of License Commissioners

Licenses Granted for the Year, 1953:

All Alcoholic	Annual	Seasonal
Restaurants	4	3
Innholders	5	
Clubs	7	2
Retail Package	2	1
Drug Stores	4	
Malt Beverages and Wine		
Restaurants	6	1
Common Victualers (Including Restaurants)	44	
Retail Package	2	
Lodging House	3	
One-day Licenses	34	

Respectfully submitted,

Board of License Commissioners

PETER E. PAPPAS, Clerk

Report of Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Palmer, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The annual police report for the year ending December 31, 1953 is submitted for your consideration.

During the year 480 complaints were prosecuted in the District Court of Eastern Hampden against 397 males and 22 females. Sixteen delinquent complaints were issued against juveniles. Twelve stolen automobiles were recovered, five fugitives were taken into custody and 121 summons were served for other departments.

It is pleasing to report Palmer had no automobile fatalities during 1953. Forty-four persons suffered injuries in twenty-three accidents.

The cruiser and motorcycle covered 33,876 miles. These patrols afford protection throughout the town especially during the evening and early morning hours.

The only change in the personnel of the department was the resignation of Patrolman James F. Carter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the various agencies and citizens for their quick response and assistance rendered November 23, 1953, the date of a railroad crash in Palmer.

All the officers have performed their duties creditably. The regular officers have been generous with their time especially in emergencies.

To your Honorable Board I desire to express my sincere appreciation for your many kindnesses as well as the splendid co-operation extended to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. DONAHUE

Chief of Police

LIST OF OFFENSES PROSECUTED IN PALMER IN 1953

Crimes Against Persons:

Assault and Battery	21
Robbery	1
	Total 22

Crimes Against Property:

Larceny	4
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority	1
	Total 5

Crimes Against Public Order

Accosting	1
Delinquency	16
Deserters	2
Driving a Motor Vehicle to Endanger Lives	12
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	41
Drunkenness	116
Fire Laws	2
Fugitives	5
Illegitimacy	3
Lewd Cohabitation	6
Lewdness	4
Liquor Laws	2
Motor Vehicle Laws	229
Non Support and Neglect of Family	7
Vagrancy	2
Weapons Carrying	3
Violation of Probation	2
	Total 453

Parking Tickets Issued 735

Dispositions:

Fined	334
Filed	43
House of Correction Suspended	16
Probation	27
Committed	21
Dismissed	24
Turned Over to Other Departments	10
Bound Over To Grand Jury	2
Appealed	2
	Grand Total 480

Report of Moth Department

Amount Appropriated	1,500.00
Expenditures	1,451.00
Balance	49.00

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Not since the stripping of the Northeast section of Palmer in 1938 has our area been so seriously threatened by mass infestations of the Gypsy Moth. Just eight miles East, Northeast of Palmer, millions of Gypsy Moth egg clusters are awaiting Spring to hatch and send caterpillars on their mission of stripping foliage.

So serious is the situation that before our State Legislature, a bill is being debated for pooling one half the cities and towns Gypsy Moth liabilities to be used in aerial spraying, the most effective method of fighting woodland infestations with over 800,000 acres being menaced.

Our local situation is quite favorable, the Town being comparably clean, but should this spreading continue, our local area would be seriously threatened.

One of the favorable aspects of the Gypsy Moth is the weather. Favorable hatching and egg laying seasons are mainly responsible for its rapid rate of increase. The mild winters of the past years are also determining factors, since the egg clusters cannot stand extremely cold weather. Temperatures of 25° below or colder are usually fatal to the exposed egg clusters.

Dutch Elm Disease

Amount Appropriated	2,600.00
Expenditures	2,598.00
Balance	2.00

The Dutch Elm situation remains grave. Fifty-three trees were checked and samples submitted to laboratory tests, found them diseased.

A noteworthy significance disclosed that only nine infected trees were found in the tree belts. The remainder were on private property and fields out of range of the spray machine, establishing the fact that spraying is the most effective method of control.

A sanitation program of disposal of diseased trees, a constant spray program of both private and public trees are the only effective means of dealing with this menace. There is no other way.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY J. STRZEMIENSKI

Moth Superintendent

Report of Park Commissioners

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer:

The Park Commissioners, in submitting their annual report for 1953, again express their appreciation of the cooperation of the townspeople in making full use of the recreational facilities which we have.

During the year a Memorial to the youth of our Town who lost their lives in World War II has been erected on park land at Converse Street, through the cooperation of the several Veterans organizations of the Town and a special committee appointed by the Town Moderator.

The proposed Wading Pool at Eager Playground has not been built, principally because all bids for the project were considerably in excess of funds available. New plans and specifications are being prepared and the Cady bequest is still being reserved towards this purpose.

It now seems probable that the Massachusetts Toll Highway will pass through Burleigh Park, and will seriously impair, if not destroy our facilities there, and serious thought is being given to arrangements to replace the picnic area and pool in the event the present acreage is taken over for highway purposes. It seems probable that Burleigh Park can be used through most of 1954.

Through the generosity of the Endleson family, a tract of land is being given to the Town for park purposes in Bondsville and arrangements are being made to furnish playground equipment in that village as soon as the necessary legal formalities of the land transfer are completed. The Commissioners express their thanks to members of the Bondsville P.T.A. for their assistance and co-operation in this matter.

Attendance at Legion Field and Eager Playground as well as at the playgrounds in Three Rivers and Thorndike has continued

high throughout the season and the various properties as well as our equipment have been well maintained.

Appropriation and Transfer	\$9,300.00
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Expenditures:

Labor	\$6,264.90
Equipment Hire	507.00
Spraying, Painting Flag Poles	140.00
Lights and Water	69.01
Equipment, Supplies, Repairs, etc.	898.30
 Total Expenditures	 \$7,879.21
Balance, 12/31/53	1,420.79
	\$9,300.00

ALLEN F. DAVIS

JAMES J. KANE

LADISLAS LAVIOLETTE

STANLEY G. WILK

Park Commissioners

Jury List — 1953

PRECINCT A—PALMER

Alfred E. Goodhind	23 Brown St.
John W. Carlson	27 Brown St.
Peter T. Ditto	Calkins Rd.
Henry P. Holden	20 Foster St.
Peter E. Pappas	36 Central St.
Marshall Clark	Pinney St.
William F. Griswold	53 Park St.
Robert C. Brainerd	21 Highland St.
Purlin E. Shearer	572 No. Main St.
Donald B. Holbrook	90 Thorndike St.
Frederick C. Rathbone	2 Woodland St.
Romeo Lenard	39 Central St.
Nathan A. Sheldon	33 Chestnut St.
Thomas W. Haley	11 Foster St.
Frederick L. Sherman, Sr.	Longview Rd.
Carl G. Carlson	Baptist Hill St.
Oscar Halverson	Boston Road
Leslie R. Keith	Brainerd St.
Lawrence E. Santucci	54 Breckenridge St.
Stanley L. Metcalf	15 Brown St.
Patrick J. Dalton	93 Central St.
Harry E. Griswold	27 Dublin St.
Francis D. Mullen	130 Breckenridge St.
Herman W. Peterson	Baptist Hill St.
Frank Kitch	25 Holbrook St.
Chester A. Killmeyer	5 Allen St.
Uledge J. Yargeau	2 Arch St.
Donald H. McAdam	Arnold St.
Arthur W. Hedman	Baptist Hill St.
Robert W. Bishop	Calkins Rd.
Roland G. Ricci	Buckland Rd.
Howard W. Bedson	30 Spring St.
Alcide Bengle	14 Walnut St.
Rene A. Couture	40 Pleasant St.
Anthony S. Morris	38 Spring St.
George H. Stone	33 Pearl St.
Edward J. Hryniwicz	40 Converse St.
Richard J. McGrath	49 Converse St.
Walter J. Phaneuf	298 So. Main St.

PRECINCT B—THORNDIKE

Stanley Wilga	139 Main St.
Stanley Matera	30 Harvey St.
Teddy W. Slozak	21 Pleasant St.
Stanley S. Opiełowski	4 River St.
John Wielgus	6 Pleasant St.
Wilfred A. Bonneville	16 Church St.
George L. Reynolds	41 Church St.
Howard W. Moore	58 Church St.
Stanley J. Salamon	113 Church St.
Stanley G. Wilk	76 Commercial St.
Edward A. Witkowski	70 Pleasant St.
Joseph S. Wisnoski	51 Main St.
Aldege F. Coutu	35 River St.
Stanley F. Izyk	135 River St.
Vincent P. Kerigan	River St.
Joseph V. White	128 Main St.
Lois M. Marcinek	124 Main St.
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	Mt. Dumplin St.

PRECINCT C—THREE RIVERS

Edward F. Roman	42 Bourne St.
George Rebello	Coache St.
Henry Bengle	26 Charles St.
Stewart I. Swain	5 Front St.
Stanley B. Skutnik	6 High St.
Frank W. Sawicki	15 Kelley St.
Joseph S. Kozik	42 Palmer St.
William E. Halley	25 Monat St.
Roger O. Grenier	29 Belanger St.
Oliver J. LaCroix	107 Main St.
Alexander F. Trczienski	11 Anderson St.
Willard H. Clough	21 Anderson St.
Dan Sammon	28 Anderson St.
Aime E. Poulin	15 Belanger St.
Joseph P. Golas	1 Belchertown St.
Alexander Harper	13 Belchertown St.
Alexander Bobowiec	52 Bourne St.
Wilfred J. Tenczar	96 Bourne St.
Stanley J. Klaus	5 Palmer St.
Alcide T. Poitras	15 High St.
Robert E. Geer	43 High St.
William McKee	44 South St.
Frank B. Skutnik	41 Ruggles St.
Bernard Zisk	376 Main St.

William T. Brown	34 South St.
Joseph S. Witkowski	82 Belchertown Rd.
Frank E. Keegan	2 Maple St.
Elton K. Chamberlain	10 Maple St.
Francis P. Gauthier	18 Maple St.
Rene J. Bousquet	288 Main tSt.
Andrew A. Lucas	116 Palmer St.

PRECINCT D—BONDSTVILLE

Andrew Krawiec	6 Griffin St.
Joseph J. Kieltyka	101 Main St.
George J. Girouard	36 State St.
William P. Shea	53 So. Main St.
Frank E. Stolarz	6 Crest St.
Stanley A. Krawiec	101 Main St.
Joseph J. Klaus	5 Crest St.
Stanley P. Wadas	131 Main St.
Stanley J. Styspeck	131 High St.
Robert C. Hayes	16 Hill St.
Paul Sweetman	Main St.
Stanley J. Izzyk	46 Stewart St.
William J. Lemanski	37 High St.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI

HERBERT W. BISHOP

GEORGE B. CHENEY

Board of Selectmen

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Reportable Diseases:

Poliomyelitis	4
Chicken Pox	27
Dog Bite	10
Measles	25
Mumps	19
Tuberculosis	1
Infectious Hepatitis	4

Deaths reported during the year:

	Male	Female	Total
Stillborn	3	3	6
Less than 1 yr.	2	1	3
1 - 5 yrs.	0	1	1
10 - 20 "	2	1	3
20 - 30 "	0	0	0
30 - 40 "	1	1	2
40 - 50 "	8	2	10
50 - 60 "	8	6	14
60 - 70 "	15	11	26
70 - 80 "	19	11	30
80 - 90 "	7	13	20
90 - 95 "	2	1	3
95 - 100 "	1	0	1
100 - 105 "	1	0	1
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	69	51	120

Licenses issued:

Pasteurization	\$ 50.00
Alcohol	4.00
Day Nursery	3.00
Ice Cream	70.00
Camps and Cabins	3.50
Slaughtering	2.00

Kindergarten	1.00
Bottling	40.00
Funeral Directors	8.00
Milk and Oleo	55.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$237.00

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	\$6,841.56
Expenditures	5,356.86
Balance	\$1,484.70

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. KANE

RICHARD J. HUNT, M. D.

WILLIAM J. BERNAT

BOARD OF HEALTH

Report of Inspector of Animals

Palmer, Mass.
December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer

Gentlemen:

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and the requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129, of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with, and reports filed with the Director at 41 Tremont Street, Boston.

This requires inspection of all farm animals in the town.

There also were 41 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of Rabies and all were released after 14 days.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. GAY

Report of Veteran's Service Center

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer

The annual report of the activities of the Veterans' Service Center for the year 1953 is hereby respectfully submitted:

A total of 63 servicemen reported to this office after being discharged, separated or retired from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. All the veterans were issued photo-static copies of their service and were briefed on the benefits to which they are entitled under provisions of the various State and Federal laws.

1226 Contacts were made with regard to the various benefits to veterans and their dependents. Compensation and Pension claims filed through this office totaled 14 of which 8 were awarded during the year, 2 denied and 4 in process of adjudication by the Veterans Administration.

Some of the more important services rendered were as follows:

- 605 Photostats
- 28 Education and Training applications
- 24 Hospitalization applications
- 62 Dental & Medical applications
- 71 Insurance
- 14 Pension & Compensation claims
- 192 Korean Bonus applications
- 51 Disability verifications
- 91 Letters for veterans
- 62 Discharges recorded
- 476 Other miscellaneous services

FINANCE REPORT

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Expenditures	1,753.83
Balance	\$ 46.17

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SALAMON

Director of Veterans' Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Palmer

Submitted herewith is the annual report of the Veterans' Benefits Department for the year 1953:

Number of cases handled	32
World War I	9
World War II	22
Chapter 753	1
Cases Closed in 1953	16
Active cases on Dec. 31st	16

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation available	\$18,540.00
State Reimbursements	\$6,759.07
Town's Share of Cost	9,291.40
Balance unexpended	2,489.53
	\$18,540.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SALAMON

Veterans' Agent

Report of Young Men's Library Association

Circulation for 1953:

Main Library, Palmer	17,282
Branch Library, Bondsville	6,198
Branch Library, Three Rivers	3,025
Branch Library, Thorndike	3,009
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Total	29,514

Number of Volumes Owned:

Adult Fiction	8,235
Adult Non-Fiction	5,638
Juvenile Fiction	1,673
Juvenile Non-Fiction	957
Reference	752
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Total	17,255

During the year a total of 621 new volumes have been placed in circulation and 1240 others have been repaired or rebound. Several books have been received as gifts from organizations and individuals, for which the Trustees of the Association express their thanks. Our encyclopedia and other reference works are being continually revised and kept up-to-date. There is a steady use of the Library's facilities by local students as well as active demand for fictional works for pleasure reading. Our non-fiction department continues to be an increasing factor in the Library service and is being used by a large number of our townspeople.

Many obsolete volumes have been discarded during the year and others will be taken off the shelves in 1954 to provide space for up-to-date reading and reference works.

The Library has facilities for obtaining almost any book or periodical, and townspeople are requested to ask for any book they wish to use. If we do not own a copy, the Library will ob-

tain one from a larger institution or, if there appears to be a sufficient demand will be glad to purchase the book for our own shelves. It is our constant effort to see that the Library continues to serve the needs of the Town and townspeople.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

RECEIPTS

Balance, Palmer National Bank, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 32.91
Income from Invested Funds	2,378.80
Town of Palmer, Appropriation	6,000.00
Fines collected	179.27
Miscellaneous (book sold, etc.)	20.80
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	\$8,611.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Books and Magazines	1,352.68
Salaries, Services and Rentals	6,021.56
Lighting and Telephone	173.08
Fuel	625.61
Supplies and Printing	62.26
Repairs to Building	152.80
Insurance Premiums	166.50
Miscellaneous	52.82
Balance, December 31, 1953	4.47
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	\$8,611.78

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN F. DAVIS, Treasurer

January 18, 1953

The accounts of the treasurer have this day been examined and approved by me.

STANLEY W. WISNEWSKI, Auditor

Report of the Tree Warden for 1953

Amount Appropriated	\$2,200.00
Amount Spent	2,197.76
Balance	2.24

The Tree Department in 1953 had a routine year as far as tree care was concerned.

We took broken limbs and dead wood out of sixty-five trees that were dangerous to people and overhanging roads and sidewalks.

We took down forty trees in the various villages where new roads, new sidewalks and new homes were being built and were being obstructed by these trees.

We raised branches which were hanging low over sidewalks, house roofs and garages.

We took down several trees that were badly damaging house foundations, and raising sidewalks, making them dangerous to pedestrians walking there.

We had two bad storms during the summer months which caused a great many broken branches which had to be removed. We had several trees blown down during these storms which had to be taken care of. We planted ten trees in various places in town where trees had been removed and new streets developed and where no trees existed. This department believes that a number of trees should be planted to offset the number of trees removed in the past three years, because of the Dutch Elm Disease.

This Disease is still with us and although the elm trees in Palmer were much healthier this year than in the past five years, due to a good spray program and eliminating infected trees, the threat is still with us.

We should continue this program of care and prevention in the hope of completely eliminating this threat.

WALTER H. CAMBO, Tree Warden

Report of Forest Fire Warden

December 31, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Forest Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year ending December 31, 1953.

This department answered a total of 28 calls this past year.

Due to the serious dry condition prevailing thruout this area this year we had one very disastrous fire occurring in October. This fire was controlled only thru the cooperation of the surrounding towns who sent in help and equipment to aid us in combating this serious threat, especially to the property owners in the Lake Thompson area. This was the most expensive fire occurring here since the two large fires back in the year 1947.

The equipment of the department is in good condition with the exception of the main radio station which in my judgment should be replaced wth one of more power and more modern than the one we now have. I recommend the appropriation of \$675.00 to replace the main transmitter and receiver in our headquarters. Next year we should replace the mobile unit in our forest fire truck with a more modern unit. Radio is one of the most necessary items in our equipment and without it this department is at a serious handicap.

Each year I stress in this report the necessity of obtaining a permit for Open Air Fires. Permits are necessary at all times of the year and may be obtained by calling the Warden by phone.

Incidentally this department has issued over 4,000 permits to burn in the open this past year. This is a record number with this department.

I wish to thank your honorable board for the fine cooperation you have given me this past year. It is most encouraging in fighting fires against odds to have a board of selectmen to turn to for support in emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR M. FRENCH

Forest Warden

School Committee 1954-1955

DAVITT M. ROONEY, Chairman

DONALD F. McCAFFREY, Secretary

GARRETT P. T. CAVANAUGH	Term expires 1954
STANLEY W. WISNEWSKI	Term expires 1954
DAVITT M. ROONEY	Term expires 1955
STANLEY J. GILL	Term expires 1956
PAUL HEINE, JR.	Term expires 1956

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7 p. m.
on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent on the
Monday before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Donald F. McCaffrey
Office Hours: 8 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 to 4 p. m.

CALENDAR

1953-1954

Opening, September 9, 1953.
Eastern States Exposition, September 21, 1953.
Columbus Day, October 12, 1953.
Teachers' Convention, October 23, 1953.
Armistice Day, November 11, 1953.
Thanksgiving Recess, November 26-27, 1953.
Fall Recess, December 23, 1953, to January 3, 1954.
Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1954.
Winter Recess, Week of February 28, 1954.
Good Friday, April 16, 1954.
Patriots' Day, April 19, 1954.
Spring Recess, Week of May 2, 1954.
Memorial Day Observance, May 31, 1954.
Closing—Grades, June 18, 1954.
High, June 30, 1954.

1954-1955

Opening, September 8, 1954.
Eastern States Exposition, September 20, 1954.
Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1954.
Teachers' Convention, October 22, 1954.
Columbus Day, October 12, 1954.
Thanksgiving Recess, November 25-26, 1954.
Fall Recess, December 25, 1954, to January 2, 1955
Winter Recess, Week of February 27, 1955.
Good Friday, April 8, 1955.
Patriots' Day, April 19, 1955.
Spring Recess, Week of May 1, 1955.
Memorial Day, May 30, 1955.
Closing—Grades, June 17, 1955.
High, June 30, 1955.

Annual School Report

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

I submit herewith my third annual report, the sixty-first report of the town.

Repairs.

The front cement stairs of the high school were reconstructed, and the entire front of the building and the sides as far as the side entrances were repointed and waterproofed. All portions of the building were repointed, and new sills and roof capstones were replaced where needed.

Floors in the high school on the first floor were sealed and waxed. The second-floor rooms will be done this coming year.

The playgrounds of the Bondsville and Park Street Schools were resurfaced during the summer.

A new floor was laid in one room at Park Street, and this room was furnished with the most up-to-date movable-type school furniture. It is hoped that this will be but the first step in a program to refurnish the Palmer Schools.

Exterior painting was done at the High and Quabaug Schools this year. It is expected that the Thorndike, Three Rivers, and Bondsville Schools will be done this next year.

Teacher Shortage.

Unfortunately, we lost two able teachers from the high school to Springfield this year. Cities are desperate for good teachers. These are not normal times. Experienced teachers in the high school are at a premium, and Springfield salaries will lure them away. Inexperienced elementary teachers are scarce. They are in demand by cities and small communities alike. There are not enough to go around. Palmer cannot match, nor can it be expected to match, Springfield salaries; however, great care should be exerted to be certain that our teacher salary schedule remain as high as that of communities our size and high enough for our local teachers to give a longer pause before moving to Spring-

field. Those persons who have stated that local teachers do not have to be paid too much money because "they won't go anywhere else," can do some serious thinking about the two well-trained local teachers who did leave. It can happen here, and our children will be the losers. As parents, we should do some serious thinking about this.

The salary schedule was again revised to maintain a position comparable to other towns. The new schedule will become effective January 1, 1954, and is as follows:

	Bachelor's Degree or No Degree	20 Years' Experience	Master's Degree
Minimum		\$2,900	\$3,100
Maximum	\$3,800	\$4,000	\$4,200

Enrollments.

The total enrollment remains approximately the same as last year; however, enrollments are up in the first grades. Ninety-seven pupils reported in the first grades in the Park Street and Quabaug Schools. As a result, another first grade was formed in the last available room at Park Street. The village first-grade enrollments dropped slightly or remained the same due to the fact that many pupils in the villages enroll in the parochial schools. It appears likely that enrollments will continue to be high at Park and Quabaug; and with all classrooms now filled to capacity in these schools, other rooms will be needed next year. A town committee, made up of members of the Finance Committee and the School Committee, has been studying this problem for a year and will submit a report in time for the annual town meeting.

Town Survey Committee.

At the last town meeting, a study committee, composed of members of the Finance Committee and the School Committee, was appointed by the moderator to study school needs and report to the town. It is not my purpose to encroach upon their report, but I would like to thank the members of this committee for their intensive study and their courtesy to me during their work. Their task was not an easy one, and it is my hope that the townspeople will give the report careful study, as it is in the best interests of the school children of Palmer that it be done.

Curriculum Study.

A curriculum study committee, formed in the high school last year, made recommendations for changes in the freshman program

of studies. This committee will follow through again this year and recommend changes in the sophomore program. This study is part of a four-year plan that will enable us to bring our textbooks, materials, and curriculum offerings as up-to-date as possible. In the main, the committee recommended fewer electives, with a more prescribed balanced curriculum for all pupils.

Another study group, consisting of all English teachers, was formed this year. The aims and purposes of this group are to correlate the English program more closely from year to year; to employ better text materials; to fit the English needs more closely to the class groups; to improve the school library with selected books; and to give continued emphasis to vocabulary building, composition, and spelling. This group will meet several times this year. As a result, our English aims and objectives should be clearer; and an improvement should result in the over-all program.

New Materials.

A new science program is complete in all elementary grades.

New library books have been added in all elementary schools and the high school.

New maps and globes to accompany our social studies program have been placed in grades four, five, and six and will be completed in grades seven and eight after the first of the year.

School Entrance Age.

The entrance age for first-grade pupils is as follows:

Children who will be six years of age on or before December 30, 1954, will be eligible to enter in the fall without examination. Children who reach their sixth birthday in January, 1955, may enter upon passing an examination that will be administered at the close of the school year. Parents must call the superintendent's office on or before May 15 to register pupils for the test. Parents are asked not to ask for exceptions to this rule, since none will be granted.

Budget.

The 1954 budget represents a total increase of \$33,085.00 over last year. An analysis of this budget shows that, in the main, the increase is due to salaries, transportation, insurance, and a sum of money recommended by the survey committee to continue and expand a program of modernization of our schools.

It is the intent of the School Department that every effort will be made to operate the schools as efficiently and economically as possible.

Conclusion

In conclusion, may I take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the School Committee, a loyal and helpful staff, Parent-Teacher Associations, cooperative parents and friends, businessmen, community organizations, and all others who have given the School Department their wholehearted support in its objective to provide a successful school program for your children.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD F. McCAFFREY

Superintendent of Schools

January 4, 1954.

Statement—December 31, 1953

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
General Expenses	\$13,550.00	\$13,548.56	\$1.44
Expenses of Instruction	201,550.00	200,320.64	1,229.36
Expenses of Operating	40,700.00	40,674.99	25.01
Repairs	17,100.00	17,098.91	1.09
Auxiliary Agencies	33,935.00	33,930.11	4.89
Furniture and Furnishings	1,500.00	1,497.00	3.00
Trade School	11,500.00	11,491.88	8.12
Retirements	4,290.00	4,289.80	.20
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	\$324,125.00	\$322,851.89	\$1,273.11

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden, ss

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A, at the High School Gymnasium on Converse Street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at the Three Rivers Grammar School in Three Rivers, and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School in Bondsville, on Monday, the first day of February, A. D. 1954, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the town, for the following officers, 3 Selectmen, 5 Constables, 3 License Commissioners, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, all for the term of one year; 1 Assessor, 1 Member of the Board of Public Welfare, 1 Cemetery Commissioner, 2 Members of the School Committee, Town Clerk, all for the term of three years; and 2 Members of the Planning Board for the term of five years.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners in said Palmer, on Monday, the eighth day of February, A. D. 1954, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other usual town officers.

Article 3. To act on the reports of the town officers.

Article 4. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To hear and act on reports of committees.

Article 6. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure, provided that the selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, or at private sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the parking meter account any sum of money for (a) police enforcement; (b) constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing, operating and maintaining off street parking areas; (c) a miscellaneous fund under the exclusive control of the selectmen to be used for purposes authorized by law; (d) contribution toward cost of snow removal; (e) contribution toward cost of resurfacing Main Street, Depot Village between Central Street and Church Street.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money necessary to pay overdraft on snow removal.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer any sum of money from the Overlay Reserve account to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the 1954 tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to accept the following Perpetual Care Funds which have been given to it during the year: George and Grace Chamberlain \$100.00; Harriet Paine \$100.00; Janet C. Parker \$150.00; Gertrude J. Blue \$50.00; Agnes Chaples \$200.00; George H. Hall \$200.00; Charles F. Dingman \$200.00; Edward G. Hubert \$200.00; Henry H. Trappe \$200.00; Charles H. and Frank S. Keith \$300.00.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to accept the legacy to the Town of Palmer under the Will of Nellie S. Crott, late of Brookfield, which legacy as appears in the Third Clause of said Will is as follows:

"To the Town of Palmer, Massachusetts, the sum of two hundred dollars to forever held and invested by it and the income therefrom to be used and applied annually for the perpetual care, improvement and embellishment of the lot of Lewis and Laura Stutson in the Four Corners Cemetery in Three Rivers in said Palmer", or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to make ALL of the following listed repairs to Palmer Town Hall situated at Four Corners in the Town of Palmer,

1. Install metal window sash with inside wire guard.
2. Install proper electrical fixtures, flush to ceiling and properly guarded.
3. Install complete and proper foundation for the entire building complete with lip for future brick veneering.
4. Strengthen, level and otherwise repair the floor dropping it to as low a level as possible.
5. Paint the outside of the building.

6. Level ceiling and install acoustical tile on ceiling and a proper distance down the walls.
7. Cover the remainder of the walls with some suitable material.
8. Build an addition at the southeast exit to include Men's and Women's toilets and washrooms and heat for same.
9. Build an entry at the front door so the hall proper does not open directly outside.
10. Build a new speaker's platform and rostrum.
11. Grade and otherwise landscape the grounds.
12. Remove all rubbish and old curbstones from the property.

Article 18. To see if the town will lease the Wenimesset School Building in Three Rivers to the Romuald Renaud Post 74 of the American Veterans of World War II for a term of five years, at a rental of \$1.00 per year for use as quarters and for recreational facilities, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to remodel, repair and generally improve the Thorndike Street School in the Depot Village, sometimes known as "Old High School" and appropriate and raise by taxation or otherwise, or by transfer from available funds, any sum of money therefor and authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee from the Finance Committee and School Committee to determine said remodeling, repairing and improving, the letting of contracts therefor and general supervision of the work, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty-five hundred (\$3500.00) dollars or any other sum for the express purpose of decorating and beautifying the Villages of Bondsville, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Depot Village during the Christmas Holiday Season, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray expenses of taking State Census to be taken on January 1, 1955.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for installation of ten aluminum elec-

tric light poles on Main Street, Village of Three Rivers, said sum to cover excess costs over standard wood construction poles or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to install, maintain and raise and appropriate money for additional street lights as follows:

- (a) One light at intersection of North Main Street and Shaw Street, Depot Village;
- (b) One light at northerly end of Shaw Street, Depot Village;
- (c) Three lights on Old Warren Road northeasterly of Town Farm;
- (d) Necessary lights from Stewart Street to High Street, Village of Bondsville;
- (e) One light on Pole #18, State Street, Village of Bondsville;
- (f) One light on Pole #12, Longview Street, Depot Village;
- (g) Four lights on Belchertown Street, Village of Three Rivers;
- (h) One light at corner of Quaboag and Cheney Streets, Village of Three Rivers;
- (i) One light on Pole #20, end of Squier Street, Depot Village;
- (j) Installation of higher powered lighting on Lariviere Street, Village of Three Rivers, directly opposite new parking lot of Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce;
- (k) One light on Buckland Street, Depot Village at a point midway between the end of Spring Street and intersection of Longview and Buckland Streets;
- (l) One light on Pole #20, Flynt Street, Lake Thompson District near boundaries of properties of Francis N. Fountain and James A. Girouard;

(m) One light on Pole #4919, Beech Street, Lake Thompson District near residence of Stephen Dranka;

(n) Three lights on Bondsville Road, Village of Three Rivers as follows:

One light on Pole #54 in front of residence of
Roch Nietupski;

One light on Pole #64 in front of property of
Three Rivers Fire District;

One light on Pole #74 in front of residence of
Dosylvia Domey;

(o) One light on High Street, Depot Village near residence of Charles Sherman;

(p) One light at corner of Pleasant Street and Fila Road Village of Thorndike.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to make orders providing for the assessment upon abutting estates of an amount not exceeding one-half the cost of construction of a new sidewalk with material of more permanent character than that with which it was originally constructed, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the construction of sidewalks and curbings and/or sidewalk or curbing, or take any action relative thereto on the projects set forth as follows:

(a) New sidewalk on West side of Pearl Street, Depot Village, from Park Street southerly to Pleasant Street, a distance of approximately two hundred fifty (250) feet;

(b) Sidewalk from foot of stairs to High Street, Village of Bondsville;

(c) Sidewalk from Main and Church Streets, Village of Thorndike, West side, northerly a distance of approximately two hundred thirty (230) feet;

- (d) Sidewalk on Commercial Street, Village of Thorndike, West side, entire length of said street;
- (e) Sidewalk on Commercial Street, Village of Thorndike, East side, from Quink's Market to property of one Midura;
- (f) New concrete sidewalk on Palmer Street, Village of Three Rivers, a distance of approximately eighteen hundred (1800) feet;
- (g) New sidewalk on Maple Street, Depot Village, East side, from Park Street northerly to property of Leo Cordiali;
- (h) Sidewalk on easterly side of Charles Street, Village of Three Rivers;
- (i) Replacement of existing sidewalk on West side of Thorndike Street, Depot Village, from Foster Street to Pine Street;
- (j) Complete curbing, King Street, Depot Village, West side, from Pine Street to Highland Street;
- (k) Complete curbing on King Street, Depot Village, East side, from Pine Street to North Main Street;
- (I) Reconstruction of sidewalk on North Street, Village of Three Rivers, South side, from property of Walter Wojcik to property of Michael Magiera, a distance of approximately three hundred twenty (320) feet;
- (m) Sidewalk and curbing on Lariviere Street, Village of Three Rivers, West side, from existing walk northerly approximately one hundred fifty (150) feet;
- (n) Sidewalk across Common, Village of Three Rivers, from East corner to West corner;
- (o) Sidewalk and curb on Squier Street, Depot Village, East side from Highland Street to Pine Street;
- (p) Replacement of sidewalk on Park Street, Depot Village, South side, from Walnut Street to Old Fire Station;
- (q) Sidewalk on Belchertown Street, Village of Three Rivers, East side, from present walk to Belchertown line;

- (r) Sidewalk and curbing on North Main street, Depot Village, West side, from Temple Street to Arnold Street, a distance of approximately six hundred ninety (690) feet;
- (s) Sidewalk on Converse Street, Depot Village, South side, from Walnut Street to Central Street, a distance of approximately one hundred seventy-five (175) feet;
- (t) Sidewalk on River Street, Village of Thorndike, from existing walk to property of Adam Wilk;
- (u) Sidewalk, Pleasant Street, Depot Village, North side, from Walnut Street to Thorndike Street;
- (v) Sidewalk, North Main Street, Depot Village, including relocation of curbing near Manley's Plumbing Store;
- (w) Sidewalk, Main Street, Depot Village, South side, from Bridge Street to LeBlanc's Hardware Store;
- (x) Sidewalk, Holbrook Street, Depot Village, East side;
- (y) Sidewalk, Fine Street, Depot Village, South side;
- (z) Sidewalk, Church Street, Village of Thorndike, from property of Reynolds at 41 Church Street, easterly a distance of approximately four hundred (400) feet.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for construction of sewers and proper catch basins, or take any action relative thereto on the following projects:

- (a) Construction of sewer on Strong Street, Depot Village, from South Main Street southerly to Riverview Parkway;
- (b) Construction of sewer on Summer Street, Village of Thorndike, from Pleasant Street northerly to residence of John Devereaux, or as far as deemed practicable;
- (c) Construction of sewer on Birch Street, Village of Three Rivers, between Ford and Cheney Streets, a distance of approximately three hundred (300) feet;

(d) Construction of sewer on Main Street, Village of Thorndike, from end of present sewer near St. Mary's Church and running thence Westerly approximately four hundred (400) feet.

(e) Construction of sewer and catch basin on North Street, Village of Three Rivers, from Pytka's Bakery Northerly to a point in front of residence of one Topor, approximately twelve hundred eighty (1280) feet;

(f) Extension of present sewer line in River Street, Village of Thorndike, from existing sewer line to property of one Wilk;

(g) Extension of sewers along Old County Highway crossing over to Route 32 at St. Thomas Cemetery and along Route 32, a distance of three thousand (3,000) feet, sewer to be pitched to drain into Ware River at Thorndike through main as now laid half way up hill to Palmer Center;

(h) Storm sewer on High Street, Depot Village;

(i) Sanitary sewer on High Street, Depot Village;

(j) Sewer on Main Street, Village of Bondsville;

(k) Sewer on Roosevelt Avenue, Depot Village;

(l) Storm sewer on Breckenridge Street, Depot Village, West side from brook to Park Street a distance of about four hundred (400) feet.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of the following items of equipment for use of the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto:

(a) one 2 ton dump truck;

(b) one rake for grader;

(c) power steering for grader and loader

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to improve Main Street, Depot Village, from Central Street to Church Street, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor, said monies to be used together with any monies transferred or appropriated from the parking meter fund.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to improve Breck-enridge Street, Depot Village, a distance of about 4/10 of a mile between the two sections of presently improved road, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to improve Old Warren Road between Mason District Road and residence of Ralph Blanchard by widening the sharp turn at the curve in said road, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to improve Fairview Street, Depot Village, from Shearer Street to Wright Street for purposes of making a more accessible approach to Wing Memorial Hospital, said improvement to be of comparable construction to that presently installed on Wright Street, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to resurface Mason District Road a distance of approximately twenty-five hundred (2500) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to resurface Harvey Street, Village of Thorndike, from High Street to a point near residence of Anna Strzieminski, a distance of approximately six hundred fifty (650) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 34. To see if the town will gravel and oil Flynt Street, from the end of the present oiled section, a distance of approximately 1/3 of a mile, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to repair and otherwise improve High Street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to improve North Street, Village of Three Rivers, from the end of the present improved surface near Pytka's Bakery and running northerly to the Belchertown line, a distance of approximately fifteen hundred fifty (1550) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to resurface and otherwise improve Flynt Street, Lake Thompson District, from residence of Clarence Johnson southeasterly approximately twen-

ty-two hundred (2200) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to resurface and otherwise improve Carter Street, Lake Thompson District, from Flynt Street northerly, a distance of eleven hundred (1100) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to improve and harden the road surface on Roosevelt Street, Depot Village, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to improve Commercial Street, Village of Thorndike, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to improve and harden Beech Street, Lake Thompson District, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to improve Cheney Street, Village of Three Rivers, a distance of approximately six hundred (600) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to improve Springfield Street, Village of Three Rivers, from end of present improved surface to Ludlow Road, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to improve Palmer Road, Village of Three Rivers, from present improved surface to the railroad underpass, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to improve and widen where necessary Bridge Street and Belchertown Road, Village of Three Rivers, from intersection of Bridge and Main Streets northerly to the town line, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to improve Quaboag Street, Village of Three Rivers, a distance of approximately one hundred fifty (150) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 47. To see if the town will vote to improve Cedar Street, Village of Three Rivers, a distance of approximately five hundred fifty (550) feet, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to improve Foster Street, also known as Airport Road, Village of Bondsville, from the end of the present improved surface to the town line, a distance of approximately one-half (1/2) mile, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 49. To see if the town will vote to improve Emery Street, Village of Bondsville, from the end of the present improved surface to Forest Lake-Bondsville Road, a distance of approximately one-half (1/2) mile, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 50. To see if the town will vote to reconstruct and improve Highland Street, Depot Village, from Brown Street to King Street, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the improvement of South Main Street, Depot Village, said sum to be used in conjunction with monies appropriated under Article 74 of the Warrant calling the Annual Town Meeting of February 9, 1953, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 52. To see if the town will vote to complete repairs on Mason District Road, or raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 53. To see if the town will vote to improve Fuller Street, Village of Bondsville, from Bondsville Road to Pine Street, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 54. To see if the town will vote to improve Blan-chard Street, Depot Village, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 55. To see if the town will vote to improve Maple Street, Village of Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 56. To see if the town will vote to improve Converse Street, Depot Village, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 57. To see if the town will vote to improve Calkins Road, from Palmer Road to the top of the hill, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 58. To see if the town will vote to improve and re-grade railroad crossing at Cheneyville, Village of Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Journal-Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of January, A. D. 1954.

s/ PETER F. WARAKOMSKI

s/ GEORGE B. CHENEY

s/ HERBERT W. BISHOP

Selectmen of Palmer

A true copy;

Attest: WILLIAM E. HOLT

Constable of Palmer

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